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THE

SYNOD OF NEW YORK,

A. D. 1895.

The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church in the City of Binghamton, on Tuesday, the 15th day of October, A. D. 1895, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. George C. Yeisley, D. D., of the Presbytery of Columbia, on Mark 6 : 34-37 and Matthew 9 : 35-38 :

"And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd ; and he began to teach them many things. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed. Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread ; for they have nothing to eat. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat ?"

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few ; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

After the sermon, the Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries :

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
James Norton Crocker, D. D.	Frederick Carr.
Walter Scott Brown.	Philip Templeton.
Alexander Rankin, D. D.	James Rodgers.
Charles Hume Baldwin, D. D.	Henry Herrick.
Alfonso R. Olney, D. D.	James T. Sweetman, M. D.
Joseph H. France, D. D.	Arthur M. Peck.
William Force Whitaker.	Welton Stanford.
Charles Alex. Richmond.	John P. Smith.
	Henry Morphy.

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

John McVey, D. D.	James H. Sherrard.
G. Parsons Nichols, D. D.	James S. Parker.
G. Flavel Humphrey.	J. Harrison Hammond.
John Merriam.	Sidney H. Latham.
Irving P. Emmerick.	W. Scott Brandt.

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Charles S. Dewing.	Hon. Eben. M. McPherson.
Robert Court, D. D.	Robert Stanfield.
Peter M. Macdonald, D. D.	William Binley.
Martin D. Kneeland, D. D.	
John E. Wildey.	

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Wilbur Fisk Wood.	Nelson Eames.
David Junor.	Verranus Morse, M. D.
George N. Makely (3).	James Mitchell.
Daniel H. Overton.	George C. De Merritt.
Roland S. Dawson.	

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

William Waith, Ph. D.	Robert C. Board (2).
Henry Ward.	Horace Briggs.
William S. Hubbell, D. D. (2).	William A. Keeler.
Charles Simpson.	Chauncey G. Talcott.
G. Murray Colville, D. D.	Henry H. Bingham (2).
William J. McKittrick.	
Jay T. Badgley (2).	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Almon R. Hewitt.	William H. Van Sickle.
Wallace B. Lucas, D. D. (2).	Richard H. Bloom.
Edward Snyder.	Francis Hollister (2).
William C. Brass.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Richard G. McCarthy.	Hiram W. Cady.
Joseph Gamble, D. D.	
Arthur Cushing Dill.	

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Joseph E. Tinker.	Irving M. Hopkins (2).
Isaac Jennings, D. D.	Herbert M. Dagget (2).
Henry T. Scholl.	Orlando R. Borthwick (2).
Warren D. More.	Lewis J. Van Woert.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

George C. Yeisley, D. D.	Jeremiah Day.

XI. PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

William T. Edds.	David C. Holmes.
Leonard W. A. Luckey, Ph. D.	J. Corwin Jacks.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

William A. Niles, D. D. (2)	William Ritchie.
J. Wilford Jacks.	Edmund C. Clark.
Henry Axtell Porter.	

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Charles H. Park.	Theodore D. Schoonmaker.
John A. Davis.	Ezra T. Calkins (2).
James A. McGowan.	Samuel C. Van Vliet.
Robert H. Craig.	Rufus C. Young.
George T. Galbraith.	
Otto R. W. Klose.	

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Richard S. Campbell, D. D.	Orrin F. Payne.
Clarence H. Wilson.	William J. Post.
Frederick G. Beebe.	

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

A. Parke Burgess, D. D. (2).	William H. Kent.
Matthew G. Henry.	Charles Bennett.
	James C. Osborne.

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Alexander G. Russell.	William M. Peck (2).
B. Van Vliet Putnam.	Amos Denton.
Charles Rutherford.	
Charles G. Ellis.	

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

Robert F. Sample, D. D.	John Stewart.
Chas. S. Robinson, D. D., LL. D.	Charles F. Buxton.
George W. F. Birch, D. D.	Charles C. Savage.
James S. Ramsay, D. D.	Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.
Charles Payson Mallery.	John J. McCook.
Thomas Douglas, Ph. D.	John McWilliams.
Frederick E. Voegelin.	James Tompkins.
James Chambers, D. D.	
Howard Duffield, D. D.	
David G. Wylie, Ph. D.	

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Levi G. Marsh.	Albert H. Dutton.
Alfred T. Vail.	
Edward Huntting Rudd.	

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Wallace W. Thorpe.	Joseph N. Badeau.
Thomas C. Straus.	Charles E. Bingham.
J. Scott King.	
Alexander R. Barron.	

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Albro L. Greene (2).	James K. Penfield.
Frank H. Seeley.	Samuel P. Ives.
Henry U. Swinnerton, Ph. D.	Eleazer R. Fuller.
Newton M. Hall.	

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

John Mitchell.	Archibald Alex. McColl.
Levi Parsons, D. D.	Frank A. Northway (2).
Corliss B. Gardner, D. D.	David Cory (2).
Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D.	
Daniel M. Countermine.	
Charles A. Evans (2).	

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.	William Mayne.
Samuel A. Hayt, D. D.	Anson A. Potter (2).
Frank W. Townsend.	George B. Massey (2).
George H. Feltus.	

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

Samuel W. Pratt.	Hyatt C. Hatch.
Erwin C. Hull.	Horace S. Beebe.
Duncan Cameron.	
Thomas Kerr.	

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

Legh R. Janes.	Charles H. Perkins.
George B. Spalding, D. D., LL. D.	
Perez D. Cowan.	
Matthew Gaffney.	
Silas E. Persons.	
Smith Ordway (2).	

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Richard Turnbull.	Thomas Collins.
Hector Hall, D. D.	Aaron H. Graves.
Theophilus P. Sawin.	William H. Wilcox.
Charles B. Atwood.	Edward N. Dauchy.
George W. Plack.	
Obadiah C. Auringer (2).	

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Thomas B. Hudson, D. D.	George Young.
Chester W. Hawley.	Claude Wilson, M. D. (2).
Oliver A. Kingsbury.	William P. Williams.
Theodore F. Jessup.	Jacob Winnie.
Robert L. Bachman, D. D.	Timothy Parker.
John D. Warren.	Henry H. Miller.
Louis G. Colson.	

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Oliver S. Dean, D. D.	Ralph E. Prime.
William B. Waller,	Sanford R. Knapp.
Charles S. Lane.	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting.	Orson W. Sloat.

XXXI. PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN PERSIA.

The Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, was elected Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. William Waith, Ph. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, and the Rev. Alfonso R. Olney, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, D. D., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, extended a hearty welcome to the Synod, and presented the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the daily sessions be from half-past nine o'clock, A. M., until twelve, and from two P. M., until five.

2. That the devotional services on Wednesday be conducted by Rev. Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D., on Thursday, by Elder John J. McCook, and on Friday, by Rev. William F. Whitaker.

3. That on Wednesday, at half-past eleven A. M., Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., be heard in behalf of the Board of Church Erection.

4. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be observed on Wednesday at two P. M.; that Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., and Rev. Theophilus P. Sawin conduct the service ; that the Elders of the First Church serve in the distribution of the elements, assisted by Elders Horace Briggs, William A. Keeler, Ralph E.

Prime, John Stewart, Philip Templeton and Robert Stanfield; and that the members of the Woman's Committee on Home Missions be invited to unite in the service.

5. That the report on the Indian Industrial School be heard on Wednesday, at half-past three P. M.

6. That on Wednesday, at half-past seven P. M., a popular meeting be held in the interest of the Million Dollar Fund, to be addressed by Rev. John Hall, D. D., Rev. William H. Hubbard, Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D. D., and ex-Governor James A. Beaver, of Pennsylvania.

7. That on Thursday, at half-past three P. M., Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., be heard in behalf of the Board of Education.

8. That on Thursday, at half-past seven P. M., a popular meeting be held in the interest of Missions and Church Sunday Schools, Rev. George B. Spalding, D. D., to preside, and addresses to be made by Rev. John Gillespie, D. D., on Foreign Missions, and Rev. James A. Worden, D. D., on Sunday School Work.

9. That at the convenience of the Synod, the report of the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day be heard, and the report of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions be read by the Stated Clerk.

Adjourned until Wednesday at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 9:30 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled, (marked 2), were reported as being present.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Elder RALPH E. PRIME as Vice-Moderator, and also the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—George C. Yeisley, D. D., George B. Spalding, D. D., Henry Ward, James S. Ramsay, D. D., Joseph Gamble, D. D., Edward Huntting Rudd, Robert L. Bachman, D. D., William B. Waller.

Elders—John J. McCook, Horace Briggs, A. Alexander McColl, William Binley, James Rodgers, Benjamin Weed, Henry H. Miller.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—Levi Parsons, D.D., Charles S. Robinson, D.D., James N. Crocker, D.D., Oliver S. Dean, D.D., Richard Turnbull, William J. McKittrick, Chester W. Hawley, Frank H. Seeley, Henry T. Scholl.

Elders—James T. Sweetman, M. D., Chauncey G. Talcott, Sanford R. Knapp, William Ritchie, Thomas Collins, Jeremiah Day, James H. Sherrard, Hiram W. Cady.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly:

Ministers—Robert Court, D. D., L. Merrill Miller, D. D., Samuel W. Pratt.

Elders—Timothy Parker, John Stewart.

4. Finance:

Elders—Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Philip Templeton, W. Scott Brandt, Joseph N. Badeau, Theodore G. Schoonmaker.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Alexander G. Russell, Samuel A. Hayt, D. D., Daniel M. Countermine.

Elders—Jacob Winnie, Orson W. Sloat.

6. Nominations of Visitors to Colleges, etc.:

Ministers—George W. F. Birch, D. D., Joseph H. France, D. D., Henry A. Porter, Frank W. Townsend, John A. Davis.

Elders—Richard H. Bloom, Edmund C. Clarke, Orrin F. Payne, William H. Kent.

7. Nomination of Woman's Commitee on Home Missions:

Ministers—Charles H. Baldwin, D. D., Daniel H. Overton, William C. Brass, Thomas Kerr, Oliver S. Kingsbury.

Elders—James Tompkins, George C. De Merritt, William H. Van Sickle, David C. Holmes.

8. Nomination of Trustees of the Synod, etc:

Ministers—Isaac Jennings, D. D., John McVey, D. D., Charles P. Mallery, Erwin C. Hull, Clarence H. Wilson.

Elders—Frederick Carr, J. Harrison Hammond, James K. Penfield.

9. To Collate the Reports on the Records of the Presbyteries:

Ministers—James Chambers, D. D., Henry U. Swinnerton, Ph. D., Theodore F. Jessup.

Elders—William A. Keeler, Charles C. Savage.

On the Records of the Presbyteries:

1. Albany: *Ministers*—Thomas B. Hudson, D. D., John Mitchell; *Elder*—Charles H. Perkins.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—Walter Scott Brown, John E. Wildey; *Elder*—J. Corwin Jacks.

3. Boston: *Ministers*—Charles B. Atwood, Duncan Cameron; *Elder*—James S. Parker.

4. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—John D. Warren, Charles S. Lane; *Elder*—Henry Herrick.

5. Buffalo; *Ministers*—George R. Cutting, G. Flavel Humphrey; *Elder*—William J. Post.

6. Cayuga: *Ministers*—Levi G. Marsh, Newton M. Hall; *Elder*—Orson W. Sloat.

7. Champlain: *Ministers*—B. Van Vliet Putnam, Matthew G. Henry; *Elder*—Alfred H. Dutton.

8. Chemung: *Ministers*—Louis G. Colson, Matthew Gaffney; *Elder*—William H. Wilcox.

9. Chile: (No Records).

10. Columbia: *Ministers*—Charles Simpson, Perez D. Cowan; *Elder*—Aaron H. Graves.

11. Eastern Persia: *Ministers*—Albro L. Greene, Arthur C. Dill; *Elder*—Orlando R. Borthwick.

12. Genesee: *Ministers*—Theophilus P. Sawin, George H. Feltus; *Elder*—Charles E. Bingham.

13. Geneva: *Ministers*—Almon R. Hewitt, William T. Edds; *Elder*—Richard H. Bloom.

14. Hudson: *Ministers*—G. Murray Colville, D. D., David Junor; *Elder*—Sidney H. Latham.

15. Long Island: *Ministers*—Legh R. Janes, William F. Whitaker; *Elder*—Rufus C. Young.

16. Lyons: *Ministers*—George T. Galbraith, Alfred T. Vail; *Elder*—Amos Denton.

17. Nassau: *Ministers*—Wallace W. Thorpe, Frederick G. Beebe; *Elder*—Nelson Eames.

18. New York: *Ministers*—Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D., Henry Ward; *Elder*—Benjamin Weed.

19. Niagara: *Ministers*—Charles Rutherford, J. Scott King; *Elder*—Edward N. Dauchy.

20. North Laos: *Ministers*—Robert F. Sample, D. D., Wallace B. Lucas, D.D.; *Elder*—Orlando R. Borthwick.

21. North River: *Ministers*—Thomas Douglas, Ph. D., James A. McGowan; *Elder*—Charles F. Buxton.

22. Otsego: *Ministers*—David G. Wylie, Ph. D., Corliss B. Gardner, D. D.; *Elder*—Sanford R. Knapp.

23. Rochester: *Ministers*—Robert H. Craig, Richard S. Campbell, D. D.; *Elder*—James Mitchell.

24. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—Wilbur F. Wood, Charles H. Park; *Elder*—Arthur M. Peck.

25. Siam: (No Records).

26. Steuben: *Ministers*—Alexander R. Barron, John A. Davis; *Elder*—William P. Williams.

27. Syracuse: *Ministers*—Hector Hall, D. D., Charles H. Ellis; *Elder*—Eleazer R. Fuller.

28. Troy: *Ministers*—Roland S. Dawson, Irving P. Emmerick; *Elder*—Robert Stanfield.

29. Utica: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., Edward Snyder; *Elder*—Lewis J. Van Woert.

30. Westchester: *Ministers*—Charles S. Dewing, Clarence H. Wilson; *Elder*—Charles Bennett.

31. Western Persia: (No Records).

Overtures, Memorials, Appeals and Complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee of four Ministers and three Elders be appointed to consider matters connected with the raising of New York's quota of the Million Dollar Fund, and that its report be made the first order for Thursday morning.

The Moderator appointed the Committee as follows: *Ministers*—Isaac Jennings, Levi Parsons, Martin D. Kneeland, George R. Cutting; *Elders*—John J. McCook, William A. Keeler, Richard H. Bloom.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

At the Missionary Congress, held at Oneida, June 10th to 12th, the last evening session was devoted to the subject of Systematic Beneficence. The Committee was represented by its Chairman, and addresses were made by President M. Woolsey Stryker, of Hamilton College, and Hon. Louis W. Pratt, of Albany.

There has been another year of financial depression, and naturally the benevolent work of the Synod has suffered. With one conspicuous exception, the record is not one of which we may be proud. The General Assembly's Committee reported a loss, in general benevolence, of about $45,000 in the whole church. The loss in this Synod is about $50,000. The four Synods next in size report gains in the past year; Ohio about $2,000, Pennsylvania about $17,000, New Jersey about $18,000 and Illinois about $83,000.

The following tables are submitted:

I. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

Boards, etc.	1894.	1895.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$306,858	$301,168	$5,690	.....
Foreign Missions	188,778	176,601	12,177	.....
Education	20,746	16,980	3,966	.....
Sunday School Work	32,881	32,703	178	.....
Church Erection	32,053	22,106	9,947	.....
Relief Fund	24,929	22,982	1,947	.....
Freedmen	21,681	23,423	.....	$1,742
Sustentation	15,495	13,537	1,958	.....
Aid for Colleges	45,302	29,230	16,072	.....
Total	$688,723	$638,730	$51,935	$1,742
General Assembly	14,831	15,553	.....	722
Congregational	2,340,261	2,110 086	230,175	.....
Miscellaneous	387,139	243,944	143,195	.....
Grand Total	$3,430,954	$3,008,313	$425,305	$2,464

II. Comparison of the Actual Receipts of the Boards.

Boards.	1894.	1895.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions	$155,143	$145,680	$9,463	.....
Foreign Missions	95,783	98,503	.....	$2,720
Education	12,998	15,348	.....	2,350
Sunday School Work	16,199	17,798	.....	1,599
Church Erection	14,628	13,572	1,056	.....
Relief Fund	21,949	24,548	.....	2,599
Freedmen	20,031	23,068	.....	3,037
Sustentation	10,319	11,100	.....	781
Aid for Colleges	6,690	9,522	.....	2,832
Total	$353,740	$359,139	$10,519	$15,918

III. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

Boards.	1894.	1895.	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions	$36,269	$37,299	.....	$1,030
Education	7,462	6,568	$894	.....
Church Erection	5,100	3,100	2,000	.....
Relief Fund	18,244	19,560	.....	1,316
Total	$67,075	$66,527	$2,894	2,346

IV. Comparison of Rates per Member.

Objects.	1894.	1895.	Loss.	Gain.	Entire Church in 1893.	Entire Church in 1895.
To all objects	$19.69	$17.40	$2.29	.....	$17.44	$14.79
To Congregational Expenses and General Assembly	13.52	12.29	1.23	.....	12.39	10.85
To Benevolence at Large	6.17	5.10	1.07	.....	5.05	3.94
To the Boards of the Church	2.03	2.08	.....	.05	.....	.....

V. Comparison of Presbyteries.

Presbyteries.	Number of Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sunday School Work.	Church Erection.	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Synodical Aid.	Aid for Colleges.	Number of Blanks.	Possible Collections.	Actual Collections.
Albany	50	3	5	16	5	19	15	13	10	17	103	450	347
Binghamton	29	6	11	12	6	15	12	11	16	15	104	261	157
Boston	41	4	12	22	13	23	22	19	35	25	175	369	194
Brooklyn	35	5	4	11	8	13	10	5	21	13	90	315	225
Buffalo	46	4	9	26	9	25	22	14	40	24	173	414	241
Cayuga	23	2	3	13	2	11	10	9	6	10	66	207	141
Champlain	23	6	6	13	6	16	14	10	10	8	89	207	118
Chemung	23	2	4	15	5	14	13	11	9	15	88	207	119
Columbia	19	4	1	9	5	9	9	4	8	8	57	171	114
Genesee	21	3	5	11	9	11	12	9	7	13	80	189	109
Geneva	23	3	6	8	5	7	7	6	9	8	59	207	148
Hudson	43	0	4	20	5	10	8	2	12	7	68	387	319
Long Island	24	2	2	6	5	8	4	4	20	9	60	216	156
Lyons	18	1	0	8	4	9	7	2	6	8	45	162	117
Nassau	26	2	2	11	3	11	8	7	11	10	65	234	169
New York	57	4	4	29	6	26	19	18	31	25	162	513	351
Niagara	21	1	3	12	3	10	9	6	12	9	65	189	124
North River	29	1	1	9	4	7	9	5	11	9	56	261	205
Otsego	28	6	7	19	6	21	18	15	11	19	122	252	130
Rochester	47	1	4	16	7	18	15	11	20	18	110	423	313
St. Lawrence	31	4	6	14	8	19	16	4	12	19	102	279	177
Steuben	26	0	2	10	4	11	11	6	12	10	66	234	168
Syracuse	44	3	9	28	14	28	24	14	20	26	166	396	230
Troy	42	3	6	22	10	22	18	13	18	21	133	378	245
Utica	45	5	5	24	9	25	15	13	16	25	137	405	268
Westchester	39	3	4	9	1	6	6	7	10	22	68	351	283
Total	853	78	125	393	162	394	333	238	393	393	2509	7677	5168

From the foregoing tables there appear, to the credit of the Synod, the following:

(*a*) In actual receipts by the Boards of the Church, there has been a net gain of $5,399. Every Board, excepting two, reports a gain. In the average amount given by members of the church directly to the Boards, there is a gain of 5 cents a member.

(*b*) The churches of the Synod have taken from the Boards this year $543 less than in 1894.

(*c*) This Synod still leads the church, not only in the total amount given, but also in the average gifts per member. To all objects the average amount given by each member in the whole church, is $14.79. In this Synod the average is $17.40. To the Boards, the average for the whole church is $3.94, and in this Synod $5.10.

On the other hand, we note these discouragements:

(*a*) In the past year there has been a loss in money raised for congregational expenses, of $230,175. The total loss in gifts to all objects is $422,841.

(*b*) In reported gifts to objects represented by the Boards, there has been a loss of $50,193. Every object, excepting that of Freedmen, reports a loss — a loss per member of $1.07.

(*c*) The contributions to the Boards have been fewer than last year by 466.

The work of your committee has proceeded upon three principles, which we believe essential to the success of our benevolent work.

1. Communicants must be taught to believe and practice the principles of systematic and proportionate giving. The benevolent work of the church can proceed effectively only upon the basis of a regular and certain income. An occasional generous response to a touching appeal is very well, but the work cannot be dependent upon a spasmodic and variable revenue. Our members should give to the work of the church because they believe in it, love it, and purpose to stand by it and support it, not merely on rare occasions, when touched by a pathetic story of suffering and sacrifice in the mission field, but every day in the year. We want to innoculate men, so to speak, with the giving germ; to get it into their system, and have it so mixed with their substance that they will cherish it till they die, and transmit it to their children. This is a large work, and the end is not yet. Nor is the end to be reached by the work of committees. It can be attained only by the united efforts of all the churches — of all the ministers, elders and members.

2. The churches must be taught that it is the bounden duty of every one of them to contribute regularly to every Board. Excepting in rare instances, there is no valid excuse for the blanks that appear in the General Assembly's statistical reports. Last year the Synod passed the following resolution:

"That the Presbyteries be instructed to keep a roll of the churches which have failed to make a contribution to every Board, and to enquire into the reason of such failure."

We call the attention of the Presbyteries to this resolution. Our aim is to secure a contribution to every Board from every member of every church in the Synod. In so far as we come short of this, we come short of our duty.

3. We must be loyal to the Boards of the church. The Synod last year resolved: "That the churches be discouraged from giving to outside objects, when such giving is at the expense of the Boards." We want to insist upon that; upon the principle that the Boards shall be taken care of before we begin to give to outside objects. The Boards of the church are the channels through which the beneficence of the church should flow. Every year they make a careful and conservative estimate of how much money will be needed for the ensuing year. Every Synod, and this includes our own, ought to pay its just share of that estimate. If there is any surplus left to help build Methodist churches, or to endow Episcopal Seminaries, or to support Young Men's Christian Associations, or the Women's Christian Temperance Union, let that surplus go to them. We may be sure that our church work will never prosper unless we stand by the Boards. We owe them our support in the fullest sense; our prayers, our gifts; most of all our confidence. It seems a sin, at this crisis, to say or do anything to break down the confidence of the churches in the Boards. Hostile criticism certainly cannot help. Nothing hurts and hinders the growth of systematic beneficence more than this. No loyal Presbyterian can fairly refuse to contribute to our struggling home missionary churches in the West, or to pay the salaries of the faithful missionaries in foreign parts, because some member of the Board of Foreign or Home Missions may not be acceptable to him, or because he finds something to criticise in the management of those Boards.

The Synod has scarcely begun to appreciate the importance of this subject. We believe that it furnishes the key to the whole future success of our beloved church. Whatever may be our differences regarding theological opinion, we can, at least, unite upon the basis of larger sacrifice, and larger devotion to the benevolent work of the church, of greater gifts and more willing service. If we want to love our church more, let us give more to it. Sacrifice begets love, and love again begets larger sacrifice. Does not the patriot love his country more because he suffered for it in blood and wounds? And may it not be that Christ regards his church with a more tender solicitude, because for her sake he bore the anguish of Gethsemane, and was nailed for her advantage upon the bitter cross? This, then, is what we need to-day in our church; to get into our hearts the great unifying spirit of giving. Then we shall forget the misunderstandings and differences which have divided us. There will not be a home missionary toiling on the western frontier, or a lonely foreign missionary working in the heart of the dark continent, but shall feel the thrill of such a movement; and our great Church, instead of crawling with feeble knees, and taking up her work with weak hands, shall go gloriously forward doing the great things appointed her to do, like the church of God she is, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.

It is recommended:

1. That the Session of every church make a vigorous effort to obtain a contribution from every communicant to every Board of the church.

2. That the anonymous plate collections in our churches for missionary objects be discouraged, and pastors be urged to substitute for it the use of subscription blanks and envelopes.

3. That church Sessions send the "Assembly Herald" to all the families under their care.

4. That this committee be reimbursed in the sum of $20.00 for necessary expenses during the past year.

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Aid presented the following report which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

Your committee commenced its year's work by communicating with the Presbyteries immediately, stating the apportionment to each and urging the instructions of the Synod. The excellent "Assembly Herald" has published, without cost to us, articles written by members of the committee and others, urging the interests of our feeble churches, and our duties towards them. Dr. Crocker, the superintendent, has been arduous in his service, which has resulted in supplying nearly all the churches with ministers. He has been welcomed throughout the field, and his faithfulness is commended.

Notwithstanding the financial depression, an increase of interest has been manifested. Although our just expectations have not been realized, instead of a falling off, a small advance has been made in contributions. The Presbytery of Long Island has taken care of its own destitutions and given $28.25 to the Aid Fund. The Presbytery of Buffalo has given to sustain its own feeble

churches, $30,000, and has sent to the Aid Fund $54.23. The Presbytery of New York has given to its feeble churches $10,543.76, and has sent to the Aid Fund $1,175.36. The Presbytery of Rochester has "Resolved, That this Presbytery fall in line with the Synodical Aid Plan of Sustentation of our weak churches, and pay its apportionment of 20 cents per member."

The following table embodies the statements of the treasurer for the year ending October 1, 1895:

Presbyteries.	Churches Contributing.	Not Contributing.	Contributions.	Appropriations.
Albany	37	13	$1,737 12	$1,500.00
Binghamton	16	13	350.34	1,275.00
Boston	.....	.....	11.75	.....
Brooklyn	13	22	590.97	1,100.00
Buffalo	5	41	54.23	2,300.00
Cayuga	18	5	479.51	1,025.00
Champlain	11	12	180.64	1,150.00
Chemung	17	6	291.50	550.00
Columbia	13	6	292.32	950.00
Genesee	13	8	181.81	150.00
Geneva	16	7	595.73	350.00
Hudson	31	12	385.03	1,000.00
Long Island	2	22	28.25	.....
Lyons	10	8	86.12	800.00
Nassau	13	13	168.27	1,000.00
New York	21	36	1,175.36	4,600.00
Niagara	7	14	52.23	.....
North River	16	13	221.77	350.00
Otsego	16	12	345.83	700.00
Rochester	23	24	309.78	1,050.00
St. Lawrence	18	13	405.34	700.00
Steuben	15	11	177.23	1,000.00
Syracuse	27	14	494.04	1,550.00
Troy	24	18	581.61	1,750.00
Utica	27	18	842.19	890.00
Westchester	31	8	963.15	100.00
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	229.70	.....
Synodical Missionary	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00
Total	.....	.....	$11,231.82	$27,840.00

Excluding Boston, the 25 home Presbyteries contain 810 churches and 161,317 communicants. Of these churches 323 have fewer than 100 communicants each, and 108 fewer than 50. Nearly 300 must be enrolled as Missionary Churches, which ask the sympathy of the 500, which are self-supporting, and the majority of which are abundantly able. For of the $13,647,579 given last year to church support and benevolent work, this Synod gave $3,001,127, or nearly a fourth of the entire amount. This fact demonstrates, even in this year of financial stress, its large ability. Yet the churches could greatly increase this measure and not be burdened. Nevertheless, New York State is really a needy missionary field as well. There is to-day nearly a million of foreigners in the State who do not speak our language. The most of them do not understand our government and are not in accord with it, and yet are rapidly increasing the number of our voters. Even if disposed, they could not worship with us. A foreign missionary field is thus open at our doors. Even among our own people are to be found some who have never, until visited by the missionary, heard of the name of Christ or been inside a house

of worship. Moreover, the tide of population goes from the rural districts to the cities and large villages. The rural churches may do efficient work, and converts may be multiplied, but they go to strengthen the churches in larger communities, and the old churches are depleted and are obliged to call for help. So it comes to pass that of the 1,731 Home Missionaries last year 139 were located in this State, very many of them ministering to two churches each. The amount asked of the Board for them averages only $214 each, with which to eke out a small salary that in most instances does not reach the amount which the church has prescribed as a minimum. Yet of the $32,000 only required for this work, less than one-half has been contributed. Many of our ministers are far behind in their small stipends.

How shall their support be secured unless the church assumes its whole responsibility and pays this debt? For this same Synodical aid work the Synod of New Jersey gave last year $14,753. and Pennsylvania $21,630. With greater needs within its borders, surely the great Synod of New York ought to give cheerfully all that is needed for the support of its own weak and dependent churches.

It is recommended:

1. That thirty-two thousand dollars be apportioned among the Presbyteries for this object in the same manner as last year.

2. That the Rev. James N. Crocker, D.D., be continued as the Synodical Superintendent for the State of New York, and that his salary be the same as last year, with expenses, and that the Treasurer of the fund be instructed to reserve from the contributions to Synodical aid such amount as is necessary for its payment.

3. That the Presbyteries, Ministers and Elders be urged to call the special attention of the churches to the importance of this work, and to give an opportunity to all in our congregations to contribute to its support.

4. That each Presbytery be urgently requested to make a special effort to raise the full quota assigned to it for the Synodical Aid Fund.

5. That in order to have the work of Synodical Aid fully represented, the Synod request those Presbyteries which support their own weak churches and mission fields to report to this committee the sums contributed for that purpose, and to turn over to the Synod's Fund any surplus of contributions; and that the Presbyteries which have city evangelization schemes, also be requested briefly to report their work to this committee and the amount of their disbursements.

6. That the committee be authorized to fill, until the close of the Synodical year, any vacancies that may occur in its number.

7. That the Treasurer of the Synodical Aid Fund be directed to defray for the ensuing year the necessary operating expenses of the committee to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The Synodical Superintendent presented his report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Report of work for the year ending October 1st, 1895:

Visits to Congregations	76	Ruling Elders Ordained	6
Sermons	102	Aided in Installations	2
Baptisms	6	Presided at Meetings and made Public Addresses	many
Lord's Supper	6	Miles Traveled	13,968
Received Members	14	Expenses, including balance from 1894	$512.04
Letters and Cards	2,618	Received	$381.78
Meetings of Presbyteries	17		

Figures give an outline of the work only, for it is manifold. It involves the ordinary work of a pastor in preaching, visitation, work in the Sabbath-school and prayer meetings, and personal appeals, and also that which partakes more of the nature of business, such as frequent conferences with Sessions as to ecclesiastical oversight, and with trustees as to finance. It establishes a bureau of information between the ministers and the churches, and becomes helpful by means of mutual introduction. By close correspondence with the chairmen of committees, it becomes the right hand of help to the Presbyteries in the exercise of their fostering care. It is to find opportunities for work, and to work when opportunity may be presented.

Printing has been done by means of the "General Assembly Herald," one page in each of four months, in the New York edition, and paid for by advertisements. Also 800 postal cards were sent to Young People's Societies.

Thanks are due to Presbyteries, Pastors, Sessions, Committees, Young People's Societies and the Board of Home Missions, for help and encouragement.

The pulpits have been more generally supplied than usual, and an increasing interest on the part of Presbyteries is quite general.

But as last year, so this — one thing is lacking — the churches do not raise the whole amount which the Synod asks for the work.

With thanks to God for His abundant grace,

JAMES N. CROCKER,
Superintendent.

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk and referred, as follows:

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

A petition of Samuel H. Willard and others, in regard to the authority of a Presbytery over the Church Session.

To the Committee on Judicial Business:

A complaint of Charles E. Cochrane against the Presbytery of New York.

An appeal of Rev. William Steele from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston, with a complaint and a petition on the same subject.

A complaint of Rev. Francis P. Mullally, D. D., against the Presbytery of New York.

The Permanent Committee on Church Erection presented the following report, which was accepted. The Synod was addressed by Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., Secretary of the Board of

Church Erection, and the recommendations of the report were adopted:

The Board of Church Erection has practically held its own during the past year. This fact speaks volumes as to its management, as well as to the hold which it has on the churches. Owing to unexpected legacies, it has completed the year with an appropriation from the General Fund of $3,238.21 in excess of available income, while a balance remains in the treasury to the credit of the Loan and Manse Funds. A glance at these three departments will be of interest.

The General Fund, from which the missionary and smaller churches are aided, has given or loaned, to 179 churches, $82,268. The appropriations have been distributed over 37 of our States and Territories. The churches of this Synod have drawn nothing from the Manse and Loan Funds, and but $3,000 from the General Fund during the past year. One half of its churches have, on the other hand, donated $13,573. If the other half, which are not reported as giving anything, had given but ten dollars each, the whole sum recommended by the Synod as its fair proportion, $18,000, would have been secured.

Thirteen loans have been made the past year from the *Loan Fund*. This fund has reached the sum of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, and permits an annual appropriation of some $40,000. It is in a most healthy condition, and its system of loaning to weak churches stands as a monument to the wisdom and foresight of Mrs. Robert L. Stuart, its principal donor.

The *Manse Fund* has received $20,000 the past year from the same legacy, and now rests on the substantial basis of some $50,000 in the treasury. Forty-one loans have been made from this fund, aggregating $16,891, and four grants of $600, an average of less than $400. Thirty-four out of the forty-five manses, which it has aided in erecting the past year, are west of the Mississippi, where manses are comparatively rare. This fact is most hopeful, when we recall that last year more than one-half of the loans were placed east of the Mississippi.

We wish that the churches of this Synod could grasp the vital importance of this beneficence to the growth and prosperity of the church at large. It holds an inferior position to several of our other Boards, yet its work is a foundation work, which adds greatly to their success. If our 800 homeless churches could be provided with places of worship, great advance would be made. Such centers are light-houses, whose beams illuminate a broad circumference. Their very presence preaches the gospel to the passer-by. They stand for Sabbath-day rest and worship; for all that is "honest and of good report," for God, heaven and eternity.

The present year promises to be one of unusual strain upon the finances of the Board. During the last five years the contributing churches have increased 15 per cent., but the receipts have not increased. While this is a matter to be deplored, the financial conditions of the country have partly, at least, accounted for it, and at the same time have held in check or delayed the naturally increasing number of applications for aid. With returning prosperity, the demands of young churches desiring to build will, doubtless, greatly increase. Only four churches in our own Synod received aid from the Board last year, namely:

Childwold, in Champlain Presbytery $200; Congers, in Hudson Presbytery

$300; Lynn, Mass., Boston Presbytery $1,500 (loan), and Atlanta, in Steuben $1,000.

This number is likely to be added to quite materially in our Synod, and proportionately in other synods. The tendency of the stronger synods and churches is to contribute directly toward struggling church organizations in their own bounds, and to neglect the distant western regions, which are almost entirely without local backing, and which this Board was especially designed to assist. New England also is such a field, and its Presbyterian work is of great and increasing importance. In view of these facts, the Committee recommends:

1. That the Synod heartily approve of the work and management of the Board of Church Erection.

2. That in the judgment of the Synod, at least $18,000 should be contributed to this Board during the year by the churches within its bounds.

3. That the churches which did not contribute last year be urged to join in this effort, and that the respective Presbyteries seek to secure an annual contribution from every one of their churches.

4. That contributions from Sabbath Schools and Christian women be especially commended.

5. That the efforts which have been made on the part of some to secure and pay for manses be followed in many other churches.

6. That we commend the "Assembly Herald" to our churches as an important helper in the work of this and the other Boards.

A recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Closed with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in accordance with the arrangement.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented its report, which was accepted.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by the President of the College, Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., its recommendations were adopted:

The Examiners have convened three times in Elmira during the year. These meetings were for the purpose of considering the scholarship, equipment and needs of Elmira College.

We find that the requirements for admission are equal to those of the best colleges for men and women; and, when once admitted, no student can retain a place in theclass without passing rigid examinations.

During these visits the work of the several classes was carefully and critically observed by some one of the Committee. The members of the faculty are fully abreast of the times in collegiate education, and in earnest, skillful teaching.

The courses of study are such, that students from Elmira may go to other colleges and enter corresponding classes without being conditioned.

The curriculum very wisely provides for Bible study. Once a week instruction in the Bible is given by the president, and examinations on the work are set at the end of the term. This is not an elective subject, although there is liberal provision for electives in other studies during the course.

The home-life of the college cannot be too highly commended. The culture and refinement of the Christian home, and the life of a scholar are harmoniously united.

The Gillette Music Hall furnishes every facility for the study of music, and this department of the college, like all the others, has an efficient corps of instructors.

Your Committee learned that there is not an endowed professorship in the institution. The sum of $12,000 will endow a professor's chair.

The attention of the Synod is also called to the matter of equipment in the different departments. Three hundred dollars are needed to purchase apparatus for the gymnasium. The work in the different departments of Physical Science is carried on in a successful manner, but is somewhat hindered by the lack of modern appliances in sufficient quantity for individual use. The library of the college should have more ample quarters, and be largely increased in the number of books. Most of the academies and high schools in the bounds of this Synod have good working libraries. The friends of higher education know that the students of a college should not feel the want of a comprehensive library. It is within the power of this Synod so to direct the gifts of individuals known in our several communities, as to provide the college with all the books it can use.

The Synod of New York has in Elmira College over $200,000 worth of property. A gift of $10,000 is offered the college on condition that $50,000 be raised from other sources. Now is the time for the friends of the college to move in the right direction. Other institutions, which have had the same limited resources and discouragements, have been placed upon a sure footing by the judicious assistance of its friends. Why may not Elmira?

It is recommended:

1. That in its high standard of scholarship, in its careful Christian training, and personal attention both in the class room and in the collegiate home, Elmira College merits the patronage of the public as does no other institution of learning.

2. That the Synod commends the college to the men and women within its bounds as eminently worthy of their fullest confidence and most generous gifts.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following report in the matter of the petition of Samuel H. Willard and others as to the authority of a Presbytery over a Church Session :

As the subject matter of the petition of Samuel H. Willard and others is now pending in a formal complaint before the Committee on Judicial Business, therefore

Resolved, That no action be taken upon the said petition, and that the paper be referred to the Committee on Judicial Business for its information.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Indian Industrial School presented a report, which was accepted. The recommendations were adopted, and subscriptions were taken in accordance therewith.

The report is as follows :

Your Committee on an Industrial School for the Indian youth of New York has twice already laid before the Synod the facts demanding such an institution. There are nearly 1,500 children of school age among the New York Indians, and most of these are growing up with little or no education. More than forty per cent. of them were not reached at all by the public schools last year. The average daily attendance, at all the Indian Schools combined, was but 357 for the year, while 577 children did not enter a school-room as pupils during that period. Only one-fourth of the scholars attended school during the thirty-five weeks of tuition, and that fourth was composed largely of different pupils from week to week. The large majority abandon school altogether at the age of fourteen, and have no education enabling them to compete with whites in the struggle for a livelihood. The present generation of Indians is not as well trained as were their fathers under the old missionary regime.

Their privilege to enter the large and well equipped Government schools is still denied them at Washington, on the alleged ground that the State of New York makes ample provision for the education of its own Indians. The fact still remains that not a solitary school exists in the State where Indians can receive a proper education.

The Friends, of Philadelphia, have recently awoke to this conviction, and under the lead of President Magill, of Swarthmore College, are investigating the best place and mode of coming to the relief of these neglected children. Shall we await their leadership in our own field?

The interest of parents and children on the reservations in this question of education was never so great as now. This is due partly to their knowledge of our discussions on this subject—leading the Indians to anticipate our action—and partly to the presence of youth from Hampton and Carlisle, returned for a glimpse of home during vacation. These young Indians are so much improved as to be the admiration of all, and they inflame others with a desire for like advancement. Hence, your Committee is constantly besieged with inquiries and entreaties from the Indians themselves on this subject.

The financial depression was so great at the close of last year, that it was deemed best to make no direct appeal to the churches until the hoped-for revival of business appeared. Then came the Million Dollar Offering, which interposed at once between us and a vigorous pushing of our cause. Your Committee has been loyal first of all to this larger enterprise, and has done nothing which would divert a dollar from that scheme of relief.

But an exigency requiring immediate attention now confronts your Committee. The $10,000 from the Olden Estate for the proposed Indian School depends on the raising of an equal amount before this Synod adjourns. This fact was well understood and declared in our report one year ago. A fine tract of land, including 100 acres, at Portville, N. Y., and worth from $3,000 to $5,000, is also tendered us on these same conditions.

To secure the site and the $10,000 endowment, we need at once this other $10,000. By unwearied exertions we now have secured about $2,500 of the required sum. Shall we get the balance here, and now, or forfeit the whole?

Attention has also been given to the permanence of this enterprise. Dr. Egbert, the custodian of the Olden Fund, stipulates that the school be maintained for ten years, as a condition of entrusting this legacy to us.

It is therefore proposed that the Synod request the Board of Home Missions to assume the oversight of this school, and to place two of its secretaries on the Board of Trustees. This would broaden its constituency, and guarantee its permanence. Unofficial assurances lead us to believe that the Home Board will accept this trust, if tendered with $20,000 and a site for the school. It is therefore recommended that such a request be presented on behalf of the Synod to the Board of Home Missions.

The following gentlemen have consented to serve as Trustees: Hon. Pascal P. Pratt, Buffalo, Hon. William E. Wheeler, Portville, Hon. Adelbert Cronise, Rochester, Hon. Horace B. Silliman, Cohoes, Rev. William H. Hubbard, Auburn, Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., New York.

It is recommended that the Synod confirm these nominations.

It is also recommended that the members of the Synod here present subscribe at once the amount needed to secure the gifts before mentioned.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day was resumed, and the recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows:

That truth never changes, is an axiom. Hence, "The word of the Lord endureth forever." This word is the "light of the world." Is good done or maintained, it must be by the use of this light which is "the life of men." We need not argue, then, that all reforms, both in inception and in progress to ultimate triumph, must begin with God and must be wrought out by God's methods. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." There is much machinery, running with a great deal of noise, apart from this principle, and hence outside of the church, which claims great things, has for itself much praise, yea, even vaunteth itself; but, notwithstanding, the truth remains, "Without Me ye can do nothing." So results prove, and with such as are of this mind we have no controversy.

The interest of the Sabbath, like every moral and religious interest, advances or retrogrades as the church is alive, or otherwise, in relation to it. The world serving self, and under the power of evil, works not in harmony with God, and we should not expect it. We expect better things, however, of the church, and then of the world as it is brought to know and to embrace the good which the church, as God's "city set on a hill," God's "leaven to leaven the whole lump," commends and uses to lift up the world to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Precept and example on the part of the church are the essentials from which any good can come. The world will not come to God until it knows that it is required to do as God says, and it will not come over an inert mass of professing believers. Men must know by the church that God positively forbids the too common secularizing of His holy day; and unless the church lives as it teaches, its preaching will be to the world "as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

We should be glad to omit a recital of rapidly increasing and portentous evils; but the wicked one is not yet chained; this world is still his realm; he works mightily in the children of men, and his works everywhere force themselves upon us. Witness the immense growth of the Sunday newspaper business; the now almost universal or omnipresent Sunday excursion, most openly advertised; the increase of Sunday traffic; open saloons, markets, groceries, tobacco shops, soda fountains and goods stands of all sorts; contract work of various kinds — national and state — often going on seven days in the week; ball games and contests of every kind, making the Sabbath a day of brutal contention; the gatherings of labor unions for discussion and the promotion of strikes; and last, but not least, the wheel craze which has overrun the land, and is also over-riding the laws of God's Sabbath in an indulgence for which six days of the week can in no wise suffice.

We note, however, the closing of the saloons in New York City on the Lord's Day, and the closing of barber shops, to a great extent, in all our cities. This is what should be, and it shows what can be. But, the question arises, is the mass of voters educated up to such a high standard? We fear that a plurality have cared little what the laws were as long as they themselves were let alone in their sins; but when the law which says, "Thou shall not," is enforced, it is quite another matter. Men vote for what they want, as a rule, and when laws they do not want are enforced, their votes will sweep them from the statute books, if opportunity is given, and they are already working for the opportunity. Certainly, no one can fail to notice the peril in the uniting of the forces of the daily press and the saloons against the Sabbath laws, and the sophistry involved in the issue of "local option." It sounds the warning in the ear of every Christian philanthropist, lest at the ballot box our Sabbath laws be wrested from their ancient moorings.

Another portentous fact is the apologetic tone of some of our pulpits relative to this question, and in some instances the advocacy of the European Sunday for America. So-called liberality is becoming very liberal with God's things in many ways, especially as to anything that savors of the medieval, or of the so-called Puritanic. Hence the growing prevalence of Sunday social entertainments, concerts, and other amusements, which are indulged in often by the nominal Christian almost as freely as by the worldling.

The situation calls for earnest and careful consideration. The observance of the Lord's Day, as an act of obedience to God, lies at the foundation of good citizenship. As the Sabbath was made for man, he needs it and should have it; and it is the duty of the church to give it to all the people, or to preserve it for the people according to God's word.

It is recommended :

1. That we urge more earnest, frequent and emphatic preaching on the subject of Sabbath observance.

2. That we suggest a caution to our Ministers, Ruling Elders, Sunday School Teachers and other helpers against apologetic utterances for Sabbath-breaking.

3. That we urge united effort for the maintenance and enforcement of the present Sabbath laws, and that they no more be a dead letter upon our statute books.

4. That we cordially commend to the attention of our Presbyteries the action of the last General Assembly as a whole, and in particular the service of prayer appointed on behalf of the Sabbath.

5. That we take pleasure in commending the efforts of the American Sabbath Union and the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, which are integral parts of church work, having for their end the glory of God and the salvation of men, whereby all denominations may work in unison, and that we commend their literature as helpful in furthering the interests of the holy Sabbath.

6. That we commend the "New England Sabbath Protection League," of which the Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., is secretary, as we do the older organizations instituted for the same end.

A resolution concerning the prevalent desecration of the Lord's Day and the historic attitude of the American Presbyterian Church, was offered, and referred to the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported :

Case No. 1, a Complaint of Charles E. Cochrane against the Presbytery of New York for dissolving the Session of the Harlem Church on the 29th day of April, 1895, without a hearing.

The Committee reported that the papers had been found in order, and that the case is ready for trial.

The report was adopted, and two o'clock P. M., on Thursday, was designated as the time for hearing and issuing the Complaint.

A resolution regarding the administration of the temporal affairs of the churches was offered, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Adjourned until Thursday, at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting was held in behalf of Home Missions and the Million Dollar Memorial Fund. The Rev. John Hall, D.D., presided, and addresses were made by Dr. Hall, Rev. William H. Hubbard, Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., and the Hon. James A. Beaver, ex-Governor of Pennsylvania.

THURSDAY, October 17, 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and a delegate not previously enrolled (marked 3), was reported as being present.

The Minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The Special Committee on the Million Dollar Memorial Fund presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The Synod of New York, having under consideration the Million Dollar Fund movement for relieving the Boards of the Church of a crippling burden of debt, desires to give expression, in the strongest manner possible, to its sense of the immediate and imperative obligation resting on every Church to do its part, heartily and promptly, in aid of the object, and determines to make a vigorous effort to raise the entire sum of $234,000 apportioned as its part of the fund.

That the debt exists; that it must be paid, or else dishonorably repudiated: that it must be paid by the church in whose name and for whose work it has been incurred; that it ought to be paid by *all* the churches co-operating, each according to its ability; that the burden, through delay in lifting it, has been growing heavier and more embarrassing; and that already the point is reached where a suspension of the work of the Boards is threatened; these are facts so generally known as hardly to require statement. Yet these plain facts seem to be forgotten or disregarded by a large part of our members who, as yet, have made no sign of their desire or willingness to lend a hand in this hour of the church's need.

The Synod cannot avoid recognizing this neglect of churches and church members to do their part in aid of the common cause as the reason why our Boards are still left to struggle under this burden of debt as under a horrible incubus. The debt can be paid; and it can be paid easily and without delay, if all the churches and all the members of the churches will meet their obligation as faithfully as many have already met theirs. Without expressing a judgment in the case of any particular church or person, the Synod regards all instances of

failure or neglect to co-operate in this movement as being so serious in their consequences to the organized benevolent work of the Church at this time of critical emergency, so contrary to the spirit of loyalty to our representative form of polity, so manifestly unfair to others in the church upon whom unequal burdens are thus placed, and, finally, so indicative of spiritual apathy and deadness, as to call for the most pronounced expressions and measures. Without, therefore, presuming to say what any one ought to contribute, a matter that must be left to each one's own conscience, the general principle deserves emphatic declaration that the obligation to co-operate in this movement of relief is universal, and can be evaded only in extreme or peculiar situations.

The problem of the hour is how to reach non-contributors with an effective appeal for aid according to individual ability; and it is recommended that, inasmuch as such non-contributors are found in greater or less number in all the congregations, a renewed and general canvass of the churches within the bounds of the Synod be made, to the end of securing from all their members and adherents some practical expression of interest in this movement.

As particular measures to be adopted in furtherance of this object, it is recommended:

1. That all our pastors devote their discourses, on the second Lord's Day in November, to such a presentation of the subject of the Relief Movement, in the way of information, stimulus and appeal, and considered either in its more general or its more local bearings, as shall seem best adapted to local conditions. This measure is recommended in the belief that, in the majority of cases, the failure thus far to contribute generally to the object has proceeded, not from an invincible indifference to its claims, but rather from lack of sufficient information in regard to it, and from the want of a profound sense of its emergency.

2. That after such due presentation of the subject from the pulpit, each Church Session shall immediately take the matter up for official consideration and action. With this object in view, it is recommended that the third Lord's Day in November be appointed as the time when a supplementary collection for the Million Dollar Relief Fund shall be taken, and that in anticipation of such collection an earnest effort be made by every Session to approach individually all non-contributors in the church and congregation with as effective an appeal as can be devised, either by personal canvass, or through the mails, or by some effectual method of distribution of circulars at church services, and that requisite blanks and collection envelopes be distributed in the same way.

To all non-contributors the Synod desires the opportunity of addressing the following appeal:

Dear Friend: The Synod of New York, having under consideration at its Annual Session the movement for relieving our Boards of a crippling burden of debt, has been impressed with a sense of the equitableness, and at the same time the practical necessity, of a universal distribution of this burden among the churches, and the members of our churches and congregations. Only in this way can the debt be paid; only in this way ought it to be paid. Presuming that the whole subject in all its bearings has already been presented to your notice from the pulpit, and further brought to your personal attention through appropriate action

of the Session of your church, the Synod wishes only to add its earnest solicitation of your aid in support of this great object, and asks you, for the sake of maintaining the credit and honor of our beloved Church before the business world, for the sake of the missionary and benevolent work of the Church in the prosecution of which this debt has been unavoidably incurred, and for the love of Christ our Lord, whose the work is, and whose servants we are, to give to this cause as God hath prospered you.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, the Rev. Judson Swift, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Tract Society.

The Special Committee on the proposal to change the name of the Synod reported progress, and asked to be continued. The report was accepted and the request was granted.

A communication was presented from the Chairman of the State Committee on Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools, and was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the Local Board of the Geneseo Academy was presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee has been pursuing its work during the past year with unabated attention and activity, but its methods have differed somewhat from those previously employed. Having convened two annual conferences of the Foreign Mission Committees of the several Presbyteries, and having, in this way, awakened among their members, as we had good reason to hope, new interest and inspiration in their work, and greater sympathy with us in our work, it seemed best to the Committee that its chief aim this year should be to come into closer and more direct contact with the churches and pastors. Accordingly, a communication was sent to the Foreign Mission Committees of those Presbyteries whose contributions seemed to be proportionately small, or which, because of their local conditions, were at a disadvantage in securing outside help, not only offering to furnish speakers whenever these should be needed for missionary meetings or conventions, but also asking an opportunity for some member of the Committee to be heard at the meeting of the Presbytery, and afterwards to meet the members of the Presbyterial Committee for a practical conference.

Several Presbyteries responded to this offer, and the result proved most satisfactory and encouraging, so much so that we are prepared to renew this same offer for another year.

In no Presbytery has there been a more hopeful awakening than that which, under the advice of your Committee, has taken place in the Presbytery of New York. The conditions which obtain in a great metropolis are such as tend to rob the church of anything like a wholesome *esprit de corps*, and make concerted action difficult and often impossible. To overcome these obstacles unusual effort is needed, and such an effort is now being made in New York City. Under the

leadership of its enthusiastic and practical chairman, the Foreign Mission Committee of that Presbytery has organized a plan of campaign which promises large and substantial results. The week beginning with the second Lord's Day of November has been set apart as a Foreign Mission week, and will be observed by all the churches of the Presbytery, the observance to culminate in a great central mass meeting in the interests of missions. We commend the example to the other Presbyteries and Presbyterial Committees of the Synod. A larger measure of zeal and a little more practical ingenuity would work wonders throughout our bounds.

At this year's Missionary Congress, held at Oneida in June, the emphasis being placed upon Foreign Missions, it became the duty of your Committee to plan and provide for the three sessions of the first day; and it was the universal testimony of those in attendance that they were meetings of great power, and must result in an increased interest throughout the Synod in the work of Foreign Missions.

It is recommended:

1. That the Synod appeal directly to the eighty-four churches within its limits that failed this past year to make an offering for Foreign Missions, and urge the pastors and Sessions of such churches to take at least one collection this present year, however small it must needs be, for this object.

2. That Presbyteries again be advised to devote more practical attention, at their semi-annual meetings, to the subject of Foreign Missions, and to insist upon faithful and efficient service from the standing committees in charge of this interest.

3. That the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Foreign Missions be reminded of their great responsibility to God and the Church, and exhorted to devote themselves with the greatest zeal and energy to the discharge of the duties devolving upon them.

The report of the Third Missionary Congress was presented and accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows:

The Third Missionary Congress, convened by order of the Synod, was held in the Church of Oneida, June 10th to 12th of this year. The generous hospitality of the Church and community provided for the entertainment of all delegates, and all who had been invited to address the Congress. Over two hundred delegates came from various parts of the Synod, the larger proportion from the Presbyteries and Churches of the neighborhood. At the sessions of the second day there was a large representation of visitors from Utica and Syracuse.

The sessions were devoted to the interests of the Boards of Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Education, Aid for Colleges, and Systematic Beneficence. Each Chairman of the Permanent Committees of the Synod arranged the programme of the sessions over which he presided. All the addresses were excellent, and many eloquent and of a high literary character. Hearty words of appreciation were spoken by the Secretaries of the Boards, and many others who were in attendance. Foreign Missions received special consideration, and the addresses delivered by the Secretaries of the Board, and by the many returned missionaries, invited by the efficient Chairman of the Committee, made the second day memorable in the history of religious convocations.

It is impossible to indicate the benefits to the Church's work resulting from this Congress. They certainly are ample enough to justify the expenditure of the sum of $250, which was the total cost of the Congress. This sum was obtained through the appeals of the Secretary of the Committee to the Presbyteries, from individual gifts and from the collections during the Congress.

The plan of holding Annual Missionary Congresses originated by our own Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and approved by the General Assembly, has been adopted by other great Synods of the Church. Those of Ohio and Illinois have held, or are holding, with success and enthusiasm, Congresses similar to our own.

It is recommended:

1. That a Fourth Congress be held during the year, the arrangements of which shall be left to the Synod's Committee.

2. That the Boards of Home Missions, Sustentation, Church Erection, Freedmen, and Publication and Sabbath School work, be represented at that Congress, and that a special effort be made to call out a larger representation of the Young People's Societies and Sabbath Schools.

3. That the Committee have power to fill all vacancies in their number.

The Permanent Committee on the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies presented the following report which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

To have done successfully, and with far reaching effect, a most important work, is the honest claim of this Board. Although the youngest of our Boards, its affairs have been so wisely administered under the efficient leadership of its able Secretary, Rev. Edward C. Ray, D.D., and his co-laborers and counsellors, that its funds have greatly increased, valuable property has been acquired, as well as held by timely administration, and, best of all, many young men and women in the Institutions aided, have confessed the Lord Jesus Christ, a large proportion of the former entering the Gospel Ministry.

Your committee, believing that facts are potent, reminds the Synod of the scope and record of this Board, and asks that pains be taken to inform the people through the printed leaf, so gladly furnished by the Board, as well as by earnest sermons setting forth the opportunities offered to accomplish splendid results.

The Board aids in founding and fostering Western Presbyterian colleges and academies. It stands distinctively for christian Higher Education. It urges the systematic use of the Bible as one of the chief text books, and is untiring in its effort to enlist students in the largest and best possible work for Christ, encouraging the highest scholarship, but linking it with outspoken christian life.

The teachers are able and consecrated, and the students come from the homes of the sturdiest type in the West. In the twelve years of the Board's life, property to the value of more than two and one-half millions has been acquired, and 1,909 students have been converted, an average of 159 per year. Measure if you can what that glorious record means to our church and country.

The results of the past year are very encouraging. Seventeen Colleges and 21 Academies were aided in 19 States and Territories; 10 Institutions were freed

from debt, and four set well on their way; 2,914 students have been engaged in systematic Bible Study; 250 have been credibly converted, and 238 intend entering the ministry. Thus gifts to this Board go straight into Christian work, which secures conversions, and candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

We rejoice that marked prominence is given to the Bible, as a literature worthy to rank with the Classics and Sciences. Its study essentially aids in forming the truest character, establishing principles, and securing the State. It is therefore a cause for thanksgiving, that our great Church, which has always stood for an educated ministry, is giving care and money to the regions of the West. Both are needed in greater amounts. Our Synod, which heads the list in its gifts, has given this last year $29,230. In many Presbyteries it is sometimes one of the few Boards that are forgotten or omitted. Indeed, three-fifths of the churches contributed nothing to this object. Let its claim be stronger than ever this year.

It is recommended:

1. That we cordially reaffirm the resolutions passed by the General Assembly of 1895, commending this Board to the increased generosity of the church.

2. That each Pastor place this matter before his people through the printed page, and by special appeals.

3. That, as far as possible, the Day of Prayer for Colleges, namely, the second Lord's Day in January, 1896, be observed as Education Day.

4. That the chairman of the committee on Aid for Colleges and Academies in each Presbytery correspond with every non-giving church, presenting the claims of this Board and asking an offering.

The Rev. Donald McLaren, D.D., and Elder Ralph E. Prime, appointed by the moderator of last year to defend, before the General Assembly at Pittsburgh, the action of the Synod in 1894 in the matter of the Records of the Presbytery of North River, against a complaint of the Rev. George W. F. Birch, D.D., presented the following report, which was accepted:

After several conferences with the committee on Judicial Business, the following action was reported by that committee, and adopted by the Assembly:

"Your committee reports that it has examined the papers in the complaint of Dr. Birch against the action of the Synod of New York, and has found them in order. In view of the fact that, at the time the minutes of the Presbytery of North River were reviewed by the Synod of New York, the case of the candidate for admission had not been completed, and inasmuch as the case will come before the Synod at its next meeting upon the review of the subsequent action of the Presbytery, the complainant agrees to withdraw the complaint."

The Permanent Committee on Publication, Sabbath School Work and Young People's Societies, presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The report of the Board of Publication for the year ending April 1, 1895, is full of encouragement. The total receipts of the Missionary Department were

$129,989, which includes $24,726 from the Business Department, being two-thirds of the net business profits for the year. This is an increase of $5,826 over the previous year.

The contributions of our Synod were $8,127.08, a decline of $508.18 from the amount contributed in 1894. The Sabbath Schools, however, exceeded the contributions of all the churches by $1.543.82, giving $9,690.90, increasing the contribution of the previous year by $2,126.60; so that the entire contribution of our Synod was $17,787.98. Shall we not seriously enquire whether this amount cannot be largely increased during the current year?

During the year covered by the last report of the Board, 95 missionaries were employed. These missionaries organized 1,084 new schools, and re-organized 254, with 44,004 scholars, and 5,455 teachers. During the year 50 churches were formed from Sabbath Schools organized by our Sunday School Missionaries, and 320 such churches have grown from Mission and Sabbath Schools during the past five years.

There are 996 schools reported in our Synod, an increase of 65 over the preceding year. There are 82 more schools than churches. The number of pupils enrolled is 166,620, an increase of 12,853.

We are saddened to notice that the number of these received into the membership of the church during the year was but 5,433, a decrease of 437. The entire contribution to benevolent objects amounted to $69,283, a falling off of $944. The amount given for self-support was $72,842, an increase of $2,755. The contribution of the schools of the Synod for all purposes is the splendid sum of $142,125.

The Synod, at its last meeting, enlarged the field of this Committee, entrusting to it the supervision of the Young People's Societies. In fulfillment of the duty thus imposed, your Committee has sent two circulars to the Standing Committees of the various Presbyteries. One issued in March called attention to the importance of Presbyterial and Sessional supervision, and suggested methods of uniting our Young People's Societies in Missionary Rallies and in schemes of common benevolent contributions. Another sent out in September contained a series of inquiries, and requested reports upon this important part of our church work. We regret to state that only 12 of our 26 Presbyteries have responded to this request. The materials for our report are, therefore, very meagre.

Five report that their Young People's Societies have been committed to the care of their Sunday School Committees, viz.: Binghamton, Columbia, Long Island, New York, Utica; while six, Brooklyn, Hudson, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben and Westchester, have separate committees on Young People's Societies. Genesee reports that no committee has been appointed. Of 35 Presbyteries outside of our Synod, of whom inquiries have been made, 31 have separate committees upon Young People. This method seems to us the best adapted for effective work.

A very encouraging report has been sent to us by the Presbytery of Steuben. This Presbytery receives detailed statistical reports from each Society. During the winter a Presbyterial visitation was arranged, two members of the Presbytery visiting each Society. Four simultaneous meetings were held during five evenings, and great good was accomplished.

The work is very thoroughly organized in the Presbytery of Rochester. The Standing Committee sends printed blanks to each Christian Endeavor and Junior Society, and receives from each fully detailed reports as to membership, attendance, contributions, etc. A Rally was held in connection with the Spring meeting of Presbytery, and the Societies unite in the support of Mr. Boon Boon Itt as a Christian Endeavor missionary at Bangkok, Siam.

The Presbytery of New York is exercising a vigilant oversight of its Young People's Societies, 143 in number. Full statistical reports are received from all the Societies, and several Missionary and other Rallies have been held.

There are in the State of New York 203,000 members of Christian Endeavor and Junior Societies. In this organization the Presbyterians numerically lead the other denominations. There are 718 Presbyterian Christian Endeavor and 293 Junior Societies. Their members are estimated at 40,000. These figures, it should be noted, do not include the New England, or the Foreign Mission Churches which belong to our Synod. There are, within the State, 808 Presbyterian Churches. Christian Endeavor Societies, therefore, have been organized in all save 90 of our State Churches. When it is remembered that some of our largest Churches have Young People's Societies not affiliated with Christian Endeavor, and that several of our Presbyteries have Churches upon their rolls which have only a nominal existence, it appears that a Christian Endeavor or a similar Society has been formed in nearly every Church. This fact, so full of promise, places upon the Synod, and upon all of our Presbyteries, the responsibility of careful and systematic supervision.

It is recommended:

1. That the Synod heartily commends the Missionary activity of the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work, and urges upon all our Churches and Sunday Schools to increase their contributions to this important department of our Church work, to the end that we may contribute our quota of the $200,000 recommended by the last Assembly.

2. That the Synod recommend the Presbyteries to consider whether there are not fields within their bounds, in which Sunday Schools promising to develop into Churches should be established.

3. That special attention be directed to the importance of establishing Normal Classes for the training of Sunday Schools for more effective work.

4. That the Synod gratefully recognizes the good work wrought by the Christian Endeavor and kindred societies, and recommends that Presbyteries devise means adapted to their several localities for bringing the Young People's Societies connected with all their Churches into close relationship with one another and with their respective Presbyteries, and also that they emphasize the importance of an intimate connection between the Young People's Societies and the Church Session.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported:

1. *Case No. 2,* an Appeal of Rev. William Steele from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston, rendered September 11, 1895, suspending him from the functions of his office for a period of four months; also, a Complaint against the action of the Presbytery, and a Petition on the same subject.

The Committee reported that the papers in the Appeal and Complaint had been found in order, and recommended that the case be heard and issued; but that the Petition relating to matters contained in the Appeal and Complaint be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The recommendations were adopted and it was ordered that the Appeal and Complaint be referred for trial to a Judicial Commission to be composed of the members of the Committee on Judicial Business.

2. *Case No. 3*, a Complaint of Rev. Francis P. Mullally, D. D., against the Presbytery of New York, on account of its action touching the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., and his reform work. The Committee recommended that it be dismissed, as defective in the following particulars: 1. In not being addressed to the Synod; and 2. In failing to state the action of the Presbytery against which he complains.

The recommendation was adopted.

3. In the matter of the Petition of Samuel H. Willard and others, it was recommended that, inasmuch as it submits questions pertaining to Church Polity, it be assigned to another Committee.

The recommendation was adopted, and the paper was referred, again, to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

4. For the hearing and determining of the Complaint of Charles E. Cochrane, the following was recommended and adopted:

Resolved, That after the record of the action complained of, or so much thereof as may be pertinent, shall be read, the parties shall be heard, each side being allowed one-half hour, the time to be divided as those who are to speak on each side respectively shall determine. The Complainant shall open, then the Respondent shall be heard, and the Complainant shall be heard again for ten minutes in closing, if he so desires. When both parties shall have been heard,—the parties, their counsel, and all others not members of the Synod being excluded from active participation—the Synod shall proceed to deliberate and vote, the question being, "Shall the Complaint be sustained?" If the Complaint be sustained, a committee shall be appointed to present for adoption a judgment in the case.

A recess was taken until two o'clock p. m.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 17, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The order of the day was taken up, being the hearing and issuing of the Complaint of Charles E. Cochrane against the Presbytery of New York.

The Synod was duly organized as a Court of Jesus Christ, the

Vice-Moderator in the chair, who solemnly charged the members of the Synod according to the requirements of Rule XL.

The order of procedure was read. The entire record of the case was also read. The parties were heard, the Complainant closing.

The parties, their counsel, and all persons not members of the Court having been excluded, the Synod proceeded to deliberate and vote, and the question was put, "Shall the Complaint be sustained?" which was decided in the negative, and the Complaint was not sustained.

The Synod rose as a Court and resumed its business.

Rev. William S. Hubbell, D. D., and Rev. Samuel T. Clarke, were elected additional trustees of the proposed Indian Industrial School.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on papers referred to it, as follows, and its recommendations were adopted:

1. A resolution concerning the administration of the temporal affairs of the Churches. The following action is recommended:

That a special committee, consisting of Elder Ralph E. Prime, Rev. David G. Wylie, and Elder John J. McCook be appointed, to report to the Synod what, if any, amendment of the existing laws of the State of New York, chapter 723 of the Laws of 1895, it is necessary to secure from the Legislature, to improve the administration of the temporalities of our Churches.

2. A communication from Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., Vice-Chairman of the New York State Committee on Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools.

It is recommended that it be placed, together with the accompanying papers, in the hands of the Synod's Committee on Temperance, and that the subject be commended to its favorable action.

The Permanent Committee on Education presented the following report which was accepted, and after an address by Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., President of Union College, in behalf of the Board of Education, the recommendations were adopted.

A few months ago, on a New York ferry boat, the engineer suddenly died. A man, as it chanced very fortunately, was on board ready to take his place, and so a serious accident was avoided. Back of every man who occupies a post of great responsibility should stand another man trained and ready to take his place. This is very obvious in natural pursuits. It is just as true in higher callings. To have another man ready, that is the mission of our Board of Ministerial Education. Yes, to do even more, for not only must men be trained to take the places made vacant by death, but all advance work must be provided for. There must be men to take charge of newly organized Churches; to supply many present vacancies;

to take possession of the unevangelized regions of our own land; and to carry to foreign countries the Gospel Message which the Church is under most solemn obligation to give to every human being. Every motive which urges the prosecution of Home and Foreign Missions applies to the liberal support of Ministeral Education. Missions imply and demand missionaries. Churches imply and demand ministers. The coming of the Kingdom depends much upon the preaching of the Word of God. The prime want of the Church therefore is an adequate, devoted and well educated ministry. It is the first thing our Lord provided for in establishing His Kingdom, and our Church should follow His example.

The importance of the work of this Board is shown by the fact that more than half of the ministers of Presbyterian birth and education now at work in our churches and institutions at home and abroad, have been aided by it. The cases are rare of men attaining to any profession by their own unaided exertion. The Church is only doing for her needy children what is done in a larger measure for other students by their parents, when they have the pecuniary ability. Let us bear in mind also, that no student is accepted unless recommended by the Session of his Church, and the Presbytery to which he belongs; and no payment is made except on the receipt of satisfactory reports, three times a year, from his professors, as to character, scholarship, punctuality and economy. It is practically impossible for any who are unworthy to receive the money.

Though the work is so obviously necessary, and so abundantly fruitful, the Board is forced to report itself in straits, with not a few causes of anxiety. As gathered from its last report, the first of these is the continued small amount of money contributed by Churches and Sabbath Schools. The state of the case may perhaps be best shown by the fact that the amount given in 1894–1895 for the aid of 1,032 candidates was practically the same as that given ten years ago for the aid of 619 candidates.

It may not be known to all that the Board has been continually forced to cut down the appropriations to students. Applications in increasing numbers have continued to come. At the same time contributions have decreased. The question the Board has had to face is this: Would it be better to help a few students somewhat generously, or a larger number somewhat meagerly? It has seemed to it clear that there would be, on the whole, less disappointment and less suffering by adopting the latter policy. Therefore the amount of help has been reduced until now the Board is giving only eighty dollars a year to College students, and seventy dollars to those in Academies. Furthermore, even at this low rate, there is the painful prospect before the Board of being compelled to refuse a large proportion of new applicants.

It ought to be understood that the Board does not purpose to go into debt, at least not deliberately. It may miscalculate the income, and become responsible for the care of more students than the actual income will warrant; and it will always borrow rather than fail in any promise made to a student. But it purposes to distribute simply the money entrusted to it by the Church, using its best efforts to stimulate interest and zeal in the work committed to its hands.

Its agents are the Pastors of the Churches. If they will make a study of the situation, and give faithful instruction to the people as to the results of their study, and particularly if they will adopt some systematic and well approved plan for the

raising of funds for the benevolent work of the Church, there need be no fear of any want of means for all that is required at our hands in the present exigency. The Pastors of Churches which act on these principles are constant evidences and demonstrations of the truth of what has been said. Let us do our best to have "another man ready." We cannot stand in our places very long. The work is enlarging and needing new men in ever increasing numbers. Let us make known in all our Churches the value of this agency and the facts as to its condition.

It is recommended:

1. That our Pastors urge their Churches to increase their contributions to the Board of Education.

2. That our Pastors make a special effort to encourage promising young men in their Churches to look forward to the Gospel Ministry as their life work.

The Committee to nominate Trustees of the Synod and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College presented its report, which was accepted, and the following persons were duly elected:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., Edward Wells, James H. Yereance, for the term of three years.

Trustees of Elmira College: Alexander S. Diven, Francis Hall, William R. Rathbun, Rev. William T. Henry, D. D., Rev. George H. McKnight, D. D., Mrs. Helen B. Turner, A. B., for the term of three years, and Rev. James N. Demorest for one year, in place of Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford, D. D., resigned.

Examiners of Elmira College: Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., Rev. Allen F. De Camp, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, for the term of three years.

By invitation, Rev. Albert B. Robinson addressed the Synod in behalf of "The Church at Home and Abroad."

It was

Resolved, That the Synod heartily commends the work done in behalf of our Church in the North Woods under the supervision of the Rev. Richard G. McCarthy, and commends to the Presbyteries of the State a cordial support of this hopeful and necessary labor.

The Committee of Visitors to Adams Collegiate Institute presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted:

The Committee reports that after correspondence with Principal J. Firman Coar, and with Mr. De Alton Dwight, who for years has been the warm friend and generous supporter of the Institute, and who at present controls the property, it seems best to take no further action in relation to the Institution. In order that the Synod should secure the property, and place the Institute on a good financial basis, it would have to provide $100,000. It is doubted whether this sum could be obtained, especially at a time when a general and earnest effort is in progress for raising one million dollars for our benevolent boards, in order that they may be relieved from debt, and be better able to prosecute their important work.

In view of these facts, it is recommended that the Synod take no further action in relation to Adams Collegiate Institute.

The Committee to Nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented a report, which was accepted, and the persons nominated were duly appointed. (See Appendix.)

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted :

A majority of the Committee attended the examinations and exercises in connection with the Seventy-fifth Commencement of this renowned institution of sacred learning. They were most courteously and cordially welcomed and entertained, and had ample facilities for observing the work which this venerable Seminary is doing, with ever increasing success, for the ministry of the Church of Christ. Situated in the center of one of the most beautiful and healthful cities of our State, and surrounded by ample grounds, its buildings are peculiarly suited in their arrangement and appointment for their high uses. Morgan Hall is a model dormitory which only needs a companion of its kind. The Willard Memorial Chapel is one which, in architectural beauty and artistic design and finish, has few equals ; while the Welch Memorial Building furnishes facilities for recitations and lectures that few theological professors and students enjoy.

While the material equipment of the Seminary thus commanded the admiration of your Committee, they were even more strongly impressed by its inner life and activities. The recitations in the Class room of Christian Theology, a department so ably conducted by Prof. Darling, manifested intelligence and wisely directed thought upon the great problems of Theology. The recitations of the Senior Class in Prof. Hoyt's department upon the Social Problems of the Day, indicated the marked progress made in modern Theological training, to which Auburn seems to be fully alive. The Committee listened with interest to the recitations in Hebrew, conducted by that eminent instructor, Prof. Beecher, and to the evidences of the faithful work done in the department of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics by the cultured and efficient President of the Seminary.

The roll showed an attendance through the year of 120 students. The increasing usefulness of the Seminary necessitates an increased endowment, and justifies and demands the enlarged liberality of its friends.

It is recommended :

That we commend to the continued confidence, appreciation and support of this Synod, and of all friends of the highest learning, this great Institution of our State.

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

In tune with the melancholy music of the other Boards of our wealthy Church, the Board of Ministerial Relief reports to the last Assembly a debt of nearly $2,000. Although the gratifying fact was reported that the contributions of the

Churches for the year had increased nearly $13,000, nevertheless the imperative calls on the Board's treasury had necessitated an expenditure of $6,500 more than its entire receipts from investments and contributions. For some years past the contributions of the Churches have failed to meet the increasing demands for aid, and only an unexpended balance in its treasury has stood between the Board and debt. This balance is now exhausted and the Board reports a debt of $2,000.

This condition would not exist if all the pastors and elders of our Churches should do their duty. Nearly one-half of our Churches made no collection for this important department of the Church's work. They shut up their bowels of compassion and said to the worn-out ministers of the Church, and to the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, "be thou clothed and fed by the other half of the Churches." A fair, or rather unfair, proportion of the delinquents were within the borders of this State. Some of these Churches are represented on the floor of this Synod by pastors or elders. We do not believe that any member of any one of these Churches would have refused bread to a hungry man had he asked it at his door. Yet the needs of some of the families aided by the Board are as great and pressing as those which any applicant for charity might make at our gates. But no opportunity was offered the members of many of our Churches to meet the necessities of those who have a special claim upon our respectful sympathy and support. The obligation of every Church to make an annual offering for this object is most earnestly emphasized.

The total amount contributed by our Synod to this object for 1895 was $22,982, —last year $24,929—and this in face of the fact that the Synod unanimously resolved to increase its contributions ten per cent. The Assembly Minutes show that in the great majority of the Presbyteries, and more particularly in the smaller, there was an increase in contributions to this worthy cause.

It is recommended :

1. That the Pastors and Elders of all our churches be enjoined to make one collection this year for this Board, at which time the emergency of the Board's treasury shall be explained to the members of the churches.

2. That the churches which failed to do anything last year be urged to make a special collection this year.

3. That the Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts, D. D., be appointed a member of this Committee, in place of the Rev. Eben Halley, D. D., deceased.

The Permanent Committee on Missions to Freedmen presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Board feels encouraged by the increased interest in its work manifested during the year within the bounds of this Synod. The visit of Dr. Saunders, of Biddle University, was attended by marked results. He was able to secure many contributions to the work of education under the direction of the Board. He was invited to address the Presbyterian Union in New York City, and produced a deep impression as to the value of the Board's work. His visits to the Missionary Congress, and to Buffalo and many other cities and towns have resulted in largely increasing the receipts of the Board.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report, which was accepted :

Your Committee calls attention to the following items :

1. The addition to the Book of Discipline of a chapter, consisting of three sections, on the mode of settling " Differences between Judicatories," requires the attention not only of this Synod, but of all inferior judicatories within its bounds. (Page 108.)

2. As showing the influence and responsibility that this Synod are likely to have in the counsels of the Presbyterian Church throughout the world, the list of delegates appointed by the General Assembly to the Presbyterian Alliance, in Glasgow, Scotland, June 17, 1896, is very gratifying to us as including representatives of high standing in our branch of the Church. (Page 131.)

3. Several representatives of the Presbyteries within this Synod are noted as having departed from the meetings of the Assembly without having asked leave so to do. (Page 140.)

4. Various instructions are given to the Clerks of Synods, which the Clerks will doubtless note for their own direction and guidance.

5. As to the Lord's Supper, the Assembly rules that unfermented grape-juice is wine, and may be used as such in this ordinance ; and also urges upon its Churches not to introduce " individual cups." (Pages 75, 101.)

6. The attention of the Synod is directed to the action of the General Assembly, recorded on pages 76, 77, in regard to such students as " are pursuing or purpose to pursue their studies in theological seminaries respecting whose teaching the General Assembly disavows responsibility."

It was

Resolved, That a special Committee be appointed to take into consideration the relation to the Synod of imperfectly organized Churches within its bounds, and to report next year.

The Committee was subsequently appointed, as follows : Rev. Levi Parsons, D.D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D.D.; Elder John J. McCook.

The Moderator and Vice-Moderator were added to the Committee by vote of the Synod.

The Committee on the place of the next meeting presented the following report :

Cordial invitations have been received from the First Church of Brooklyn, and Grace Church, Oswego, in the order named. It is recommended that the invita-

tion of the First Church, Brooklyn, be accepted, with the thanks of the Synod, and that its thanks be tendered also to Grace Church, Oswego, for its courtesy, with the hope that its invitation may be renewed and accepted at some future time.

The report was adopted, and it was ordered that the next Annual Meeting of the Synod be held in the First Church, Brooklyn.

The Pastor and Elders of the Church were appointed a Committee of Arrangements, with power to add to their number.

The Committee appointed to collate the reports of the Examining Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the Records of the following Presbyteries be approved as far as written: Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Eastern Persia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North River, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

2. That the Records of the Presbytery of North Laos be approved as far as written, with the following exception: That no reason is attached to the action dropping the name of the Rev. E. B. McGilvary from the roll at his own request.

3. That the Records of the Presbytery of Otsego be approved as far as written, with the following exception: A seeming irregularity in assigning trial parts for licensure to a candidate who had not previously been received under the care of Presbytery. (Page 149.)

The Committee further reported that the Records of the Presbyteries of Chile, Siam and Western Persia had not been presented, and the report was accepted.

Adjourned until Friday at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 17, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting was held according to arrangement, the Rev. William S. Hubbell, D.D., presiding. Addresses were made by Dr. Hubbell, Rev. John Gillespie, D.D., on Foreign Missions, and Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., on Sunday School Work.

FRIDAY, October 18, 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of Thurday's sessions were read and approved.

The following were appointed the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day: *Ministers*—Joseph Gamble, Allen Macy Dulles, Henry U. Swinnerton, Walter Scott Brown, Daniel H. Overton; *Elders*—Hiram W. Cady, Jeremiah Day, Theodore S. Schoonmaker, James K. Penfield.

The Treasurer's Report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By invitation Mr. John H. Scribner addressed the Synod in reference to the new "Hymnal" just issued by the Board of Publication.

The following report was received from the Women's Board of Foreign Missions and was accepted:

At the Silver Anniversary, celebrated in New York last April, the Treasurer's Report showed as receipts for the year, $65,376. All our pledges have been met. With gratitude to God we acknowledge that our record of freedom from debt is still unbroken.

During last year seventy-three Missionaries represented us on the Foreign field, besides twenty teachers and Bible readers, specially supported, twenty-seven schools and orphanages, four hospitals and three dispensaries; and a large amount of medical work was carried on in villages, where there are no buildings to make a centre for it. Eight new buildings have been put up, Bibles and tracts have been printed, a work carried on among the Chinese in California, and the running expenses of the African Missionary Schooner "Nassau," have been met. Two medical missionaries have gone out, one to China and one to Korea.

Most of the Presbyteries report an increase in various ways, notwithstanding the financial depression that has spread over the land. A few have been able to keep up to their usual mark, and only four show any decrease in contributions. To the magazine, "Womans' Work for Woman," there is a slight increase in subscribers, while financially its condition is most encouraging. The Children's Magazine has increased its circulation all over the country, though in our own Board the list is a little shorter. The Year Book should not be forgotten, since it has proved such a stimulus, where it has been faithfully used, in making people

realize the privilege of intercessory prayer, and in making them also acquainted by name with the faithful workers who need so much to be remembered in this way by the Church at home. New leaflets have been prepared, giving information about different phases of the work. These have been both sold and given away in large numbers. Besides the 9,000 letters sent out through the year to our Auxiliaries, for use in their meetings, two most efficient missionaries have been employed, whose service in speaking at upwards of two hundred meetings, has told in greater activity in the Auxiliaries. Deeper interest has been awakened in hearts, wholly indifferent before, to Foreign Missions, and sometimes those straying into the meetings have been led to the Master himself, when they heard of the joy of a life wholly given to His service. Boxes have been sent out as usual to some of the Mission stations, containing things helpful in the work, and have brought much cheer, while many thanks have been returned to the givers.

Such is the brief story of our year's work. Never was there a time in the history of this work when more wisdom was needed in its conduct, while the constant cry is ringing in our ears, "Come over and help us," "the fields are whitening to harvest." Will you not, when you return to your work, show by your prayers, and your hearty interest in the Woman's Work in your Churches, that you know God is using these instruments grandly to hasten the coming of His Kingdom? Encourage them to greater zeal, lest they should miss their full share in the blessing He is waiting and longing to give those who wholly follow Him.

The Committee to Nominate Visitors to Colleges and Seminaries reported, recommending the following appointments, and the recommendation was adopted :

ADAMS INSTITUTE : *Ministers*—George B. Spalding, Theodore F. Jessup, Henry A. Porter, Allen M. Dulles, Gerard B. F. Hallock; *Elders*—George B. Massey, William Adams, Oswald P. Backus.

AUBURN SEMINARY : *Ministers* — Oliver S. Dean. Ebenezer B. McGhee, G. Murray Colville, Henry Ward, Henry T. Scholl ; *Elders*—James Yereance, De Witt C. Hurd, David W. Hough.

HAMILTON COLLEGE : *Ministers*—William F. Whitaker, Hiram W. Congdon, William S. Hubbell, James Chambers, Joseph Gamble ; *Elders*—Edmund P. Platt, Anson A. Potter, Louis B. Van Wagenen.

UNIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK : *Ministers*—Isaac Jennings, B. Van Vliet Putnam, William H. Hubbard, Daniel H. Overton, G. Parsons Nichols ; *Elders*—Benson Van Vliet, James K. Penfield, James Rodgers.

It was

Resolved, That the Vice Moderator, the Stated and Permanent Clerks, and the Synodical Superintendent, be a committee to consider, and report to the next Synod, how, if practicable, the preaching of the Gospel, and Sanctuary worship according to the customs of the Presbyterian Church, can be provided at the summer mountain and sea-side resorts within the boundaries of the Synod, for

Presbyterian families and those desiring to worship with them, and resorting to such places in the summer season.

The Rev. Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D., presented the fraternal greeting of the Genesee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which the Moderator heartily responded in behalf of the Synod.

The Judicial Commission, appointed for the trial of Judicial Case No. 2, presented the following report, which was ordered to be recorded in the minutes as the judgment of the Synod:

The Commission constituted for the trial of the Appeal of Rev. William Steele from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston, suspending him for four months from the exercise of his functions as a minister, having duly considered and issued the case in accordance with the Book of Discipline, finds that the proceedings of the Presbytery in the case have been regular; and it votes unanimously not to sustain the Appeal, except as to Specification 10 under the seventh ground of Appeal, in which the appellant complains of excessive penalty.

The Commission modifies the sentence of the lower court to the effect that the term of suspension shall expire with the adjournment of this meeting of the Synod, in consideration of the fact that Mr. Steele has withdrawn his complaint against the Presbytery of Boston, and has promised to drop, forthwith, the civil suit against the Church in Quincy, for alleged services.

The Special Committee to consider the Statutes of the State of New York relating to the temporalities of the Church, presented the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend that the Legislature of the State of New York be memorialized by the Synod so to amend the new General Statutes of the State, that individual Presbyterian Churches shall have the option, which several other denominations already have, of placing the care of their temporalities in the hands of the Spiritual Officers as Trustees, instead of having them administered by Trustees, elected as such, who may or may not be persons in the communion and fellowship of the Church. This can be done by so amending the sections of the new law, Chapter 723 of the Laws of 1895, as that our Presbyterian Churches shall have the same privilege, option and choice that are already the privilege, option and choice of the Reformed Dutch, Reformed Presbyterian, and Evangelical Lutheran Churches. As such a memorial cannot be prepared at this late hour of the session, we recommend that this committee, enlarged by adding the Moderator, and the Stated and Permanent Clerks, be continued, and be authorized to prepare such a memorial, to be officially signed by the Moderator and the Clerks on behalf of the Synod, and to cause the same to be presented to the Legislature of the State of New York, and to seek such amendment of the Statute.

We also call attention to the fact, that by Chapter 723 of the Laws of 1895, all the provisions of the familiar laws of the State of New York, relating to

religious corporations, have been repealed ; and in place of those many Statutes, on October 1st, 1895, the new law took effect, in which, in one comprehensive Statute and in its 111 Sections, practically all existing Statutes of the State relating to religious corporations are to be found. Some of the provisions are new. This is true of the sections relating to our own Churches, and they ought to be known by the Churches.

It was

Resolved, That the Committee on the temporalities of the Church prepare an abstract of such part of the new statute relating to religious corporations as concerns our church, and that it be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod send to the Presbyteries of Eastern Persia and North Laos its most cordial greeting, and the assurance of its closest fellowship with them in the one grand work of our Lord's vineyard.

The Committee on Judicial Business was authorized to act upon so much of the Records of the Presbytery of Otsego as contains the action of said Presbytery in the case of the Rev. J. C. Stinson.

The Committee on the Indian Industrial School presented a final report, which was accepted, and is as follows :

The Committee reports the total amount of subscriptions thus far in hand as about $6,000. Inasmuch as there is justifiable reluctance on the part of the delegates present to give further pledges without consulting their churches at home, and inasmuch as the additional $4,000 must be raised before the close of these sessions, in order to secure the one hundred acres of land at Portville and the $10,000 from the Olden Estate, as well as the money already subscribed at this meeting, a few friends of the object have guaranteed the amount yet unsubscribed, on the distinct understanding and expectation that the Synod, by its efforts, will endeavor to reimburse them at an early date, not later than January 1, 1896.

It was

Resolved, That the boundary of the Presbytery of New York be so enlarged as to include all that portion of the Presbytery of Westchester at present within the limits of the City of New York ; and that Ministers and Churches within these limits, at present on the roll of the Presbytery of Westchester, be and hereby are transferred to the roll of the Presbytery of New York.

It was

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication, Sabbath School Work and the Young People's Societies be divided, and that a separate Committee on Young People's Societies be appointed.

The Committee was appointed as follows :

Ministers—Samuel W. Pratt, T. Ralston Smith, George C. Yeisley, Wilbur F. Wood, Edward Hunting Rudd ;

Elders—Philip M. Hull, Richard H. Bloom, D. Eddy Barnes, Charles M. Jesup.

The Committee of Visitors to Hamilton College presented the following report which was accepted :

Four members of the Committee met at the College October 4th, and spent the day in attendance upon classes and the inspection of the buildings and appliances. They recalled many sacred associations connected with the spot, and with the wide perspective of the Oriskany and Mohawk valleys. Throughout the valley of the Mohawk, heroic Jesuit missionaries labored and died for the Indians two centuries ago. Up that valley in the winter of 1765–6 came the consecrated missionary, Samuel Kirkland, on snow-shoes, threading his way with two Indian guides through the trackless forests ; and he brought with him the Word of Life and the germs of Hamilton College. Halfway down the eastern slope of College Hill is a granite landmark which shows the boundary fixed in 1768 by a solemn treaty between the Indians and Sir William Johnson, declaring that all lands eastward of that line should belong to the white man, and all westward, including the present College grounds, should forever be the property of the Six Nations. On the College Campus stands a small monument which marks the spot where, in 1794, Paran Steuben, surrounded by the members of Mr. Kirkland's family, and an escort of cavalry commanded by his son, laid the cornerstone of the Hamilton Oneida Academy, then an Indian mission school, and the worthy chrysalis from which in 1812 sprang Hamilton College. In the Cemetery a few rods below the College is the grave of Kirkland, and beside it the grave of the old Oneida Chief, Skenando, who at the age of one hundred years was brought from the Oneida settlement, that he might die and be buried near the faithful and beloved messenger who had led him to Christ. It was largely through the co-operation of this powerful Christian that Mr. Kirkland was enabled to break an alliance of the Six Nations against the colonists in their struggle with Great Britain. This eminent service to his country, for which Mr. Kirkland suspended his missionary work for a whole year, was gratefully recognized by Congress and especially by Washington, and by Hamilton, for whom the Academy and College were named.

From the first the intelligent Christian settlers, who came to Central New York from New England, were alive to the importance of higher education, and Hamilton College stands as a permanent expression of their zeal. They gave their prayers and their substance, as well as their sons, to the Academy and the College. They created an intellectual atmosphere, illumined and sanctified by Christian faith, which proved a richer blessing to the scores of surrounding communities, than any amount of mere material thrift. At least two generations have felt the inspiring and ennobling influence of those prayers and efforts of their fathers and mothers which crystalized around this College. It is not too much to say that the whole civilization of the Empire State has felt its power. And it is because of this indebtedness of a large majority of the churches of this great

Synod, that your Committee has felt warranted in calling attention to these facts. The motive of gratitude to the early fathers, and gratitude to the God whom they worshipped, is a reason why the Synod should prize this heritage with a sacred appreciation, and should resolve with a higher purpose to perpetuate their influence through all time. The pledge to the faithful Oneidas that the soil on which the College stands should be theirs forever has not been kept ; but at the very least that pledge should constitute an added reason why our high trust should faithfully be executed.

Of the Alumni of the College, 175 are enrolled among the ministers of this Synod. From the first, 840 clergymen have been sent forth into this and other lands ; 130 of its sons have been professors and tutors in colleges, 20 in Normal schools, 23 in the chairs of Theological seminaries, and 130 have stood at the head of Academic and high schools. Thirty of its graduates have become Supreme Court judges, 29 members of Congress, 16 college presidents, 110 physicians, and 525 lawyers. Ninety per cent. of the Alumni have entered professional life, and nearly every worthy sphere has been honored by sons of the College.

The Institution has never been characterized by narrowness. It has stood firmly for the principles established by the fathers, but has ever been willing and eager to know all truth. It has remained staunch in the patriotic loyalty of the early colonists, and 183 of its sons were enlisted for defense in the hour of the Nation's peril.

The plea which your Committee makes for the College might be weakened were there any symptoms of decline in its present state, or any insuperable barriers to its progress. On the contrary, we bring the tokens which indicate growth, and a future prosperity to which the past has been only a worthy prelude. Never before has there been such evidence of enthusiasm in every department. The trusteeship of the College is in the hands of twenty-eight strong men, embracing in fair proportion clergymen, bankers, merchants, lawyers, editors, legislators and instructors. Such a Board suggests balance, stability, power. The President, Dr. Stryker, has brought to the College not only the best intellectual abilities, but the freshness and vigor of a young manhood, at once healthy, hearty, sympathetic and Christian. Such a personality, impinging upon the character of every student with whom a president comes in contact, is beyond estimate. Dr. Stryker is argus-eyed, and seems well nigh ubiquitous throughout the State, and yet his administration on the ground is immanent, wise, and complete. Of the Faculty, each shares the enthusiasm of the President, and never was the entire work of the College so thoroughly done as now. With the exception of the one honored and beloved Nestor of the group, Professor North, that last of the Greek sages whose amaranthine crown can never fade, all the Faculty are comparatively young men, and every one is striving to do his best.

An old graduate is struck at once by the improved facilities for instruction in Physics, Mathematics, and the languages, especially the modern languages ; and by the larger attention given to Philosophy, Political Economy, and the principles and history of the American Government. Very thorough and promising is the comparatively new department in Biology, embracing Zoology and Bacteriology. In these studies, as well as in Geology, all the facts that the most advanced science has to give are recognized, though a servile surrender to any particular interpreta-

tion may not be accorded. The pure atmosphere of the truth is welcomed, but no premium is placed upon scepticism, as if that were the only badge of intellectual progress, and guaranty of candor, or the only avenue to true enlightenment. The faculty is composed of Christian men, but all are seekers after the full and rounded truth; all labor in harmony with each other, and with the President, in the one high aim of placing the College in the foremost rank of educational institutions. The growing appreciation of the public is shown not only by the constant calls upon the President to preach and make addresses in all parts of the State, but by the enrollment of fifty-six young men in the Freshman class, the largest number received in many years.

The peerless reputation of the College for instruction in Oratory, that most practical accomplishment for all public men, is fully maintained. The prizes offered for essays, for debates, for excellence in the languages, and in special science, are a constant stimulus to high literary and scientific attainment. The religious influence of the Institution has been greatly strengthened by the erection, in 1889, of Silliman Hall, a gem of beauty and munificence, presented by Horace B. Silliman, LL.D., to the Young Men's Christian Association. The location of the College is all that could be desired. Its pure and bracing atmosphere invites to physical exercise, and a living supply of pure water brought from the hills is a strong guaranty against disease. A fine gymnasium, the gift of three brothers, the Messrs. Soper, is under the care of a medical director.

Two things in the outlook of the College forbid a purely optimistic view. There is need at once of a new building for a laboratory and class rooms, in order that the space now occupied for these purposes in the Dormitory buildings may be made ready for the increasing number of students. There is need also of large additions to the current funds of the College for the enlargement of well-earned salaries, which have suffered from the depreciation of interest on endowments. Upon these two urgent wants we place the emphasis of an earnest appeal. We plead not on the score of charity, but we hold out the honor of having some share in the maintenance of this historic institution, and urge the many inspiring consid erations which connect it with the best interests of the Church and the State.

The Woman's Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted :

The contributions of the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions for the year ending April 1, 1895, were $69,336 or $3,000 more than last year. The value of boxes and supplies amounted to $46,852, a gain of about $2,528. This increase of gifts during a time of financial difficulty has been brought about only by the most earnest and untiring efforts on the part of our Presbyterial Societies, eight of these having made a gain in their cash gifts. This has been done also during a time of great anxiety from the loss by death of our president, Mrs. Gallup, at the very beginning of our Synodical year, last November, two weeks only after her election to the office for the eighth consecutive time.

The Synodical Committee is responsible for the salaries of fifty-four missionary teachers, besides many assistants and matrons, thus reaching in its educational work each of the five fields among the exceptional populations. In the work

among the Freedmen in particular there is an increase of interest shown on the part of our Societies in larger gifts. The scholarships which we sustain in the various schools among the Freedmen, the Indians, the Mexicans, the Alaskans, the Mountain Whites and the Mormons amount to thousands of dollars, and the advantages thus given are most gratefully appreciated by the pupils enjoying them. These scholarships are divided into two classes, perpetual and annual. Of the former we expect to establish one in each of the five fields under our charge, in memory of our late devoted president. Enough money has already been pledged to insure the establishment of a Marilla Houghton Gallup perpetual scholarship in three of them. Memorial rooms have been furnished in several of our new schools, notably at Asheville, N. C., among the Mountain people. Our schools are uniformly in good condition, and the Holy Spirit has been manifested in leading many of the pupils to Christ during the past year. The magazines, the "Home Mission Monthly," and "Over Sea and Land," show an excellent increase in the number of their supporters.

For the blessing of God upon our work, and the guidance of His hand through a year of trial and anxiety, the Committee desires to make this public acknowledgement.

It was:

Resolved: That the Synod has listened with deep interest to the reports of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions, and the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions; recognizes the great value of their work and the many precious tokens of the Divine approval upon it, and commends them anew to all the Churches within the bounds of the Synod.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted:

The Committee on Finance reports that the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod have been examined, and compared with the accompanying vouchers, and are found to be correct. All the Presbyteries have paid their apportionments for the past year. The amount in the treasury, applicable to the payment of outstanding claims and the expenses of the current year, is $1,436.29.

It is recommended that the bills for traveling expenses of the Committee appointed by the Moderator to defend the Synod, in the last General Assembly, in the matter of the complaint of Rev. George W. F. Birch, D. D., be paid.

The Committee further reports that by Legislative Enactment, the Geneseo Academy, formerly under the care of the Synod, has been merged into the State Normal and Training School at Geneseo, and calls the attention of the Synod to the letter of John R. Strang, Esq., and the subject matter contained therein. (See Appendix.)

The Stated Clerk was authorized to secure a room in the Presbyterian Building, New York City, for the use of the Synod, at a rental not to exceed $200 per annum.

In view of the recent atrocities committed by the Turkish government against the Christian Armenians living within the bounds of the Turkish Empire, it was

Resolved, That the government of the United States be urged to join the great powers of Europe in suppressing the cruelties practised by the Turkish government on our Armenian brethren; and that this action, attested by the Moderator and Stated Clerk, be transmitted to the Secretary of State.

The Rev. Daniel J. Many, a delegate from the Presbytery of Albany, and Elder Daniel W. Fish, from the Presbytery of Rochester, sent reasons for absence from the Synod, which were sustained.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report on the Records of the Presbytery of Otsego, which was adopted:

The Presbytery erred in receiving Rev. J. C. Stinson, on probation, from the Presbytery of Orangeville, Canada; but having received him, and allowed him to preach within its bounds, he should be considered a member of the Presbytery, and the Presbytery is directed to restore his name to the roll, and to proceed to his trial upon charges preferred.

The Committee on the Purchase of Adams Collegiate Institute, appointed in 1893, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee respectfully reports, that on a canvass made for funds sufficient for such a purchase, it finds little or no encouragement, and is, therefore, compelled to recommend that the offer made by the present owner of the Institute building be declined with appreciatory thanks, and that the consideration of the matter be for the present dropped.

The Special Committee on the Relation, under the State laws, of the Trustees in our congregations to the Church Sessions, reported progress, and asked to be continued.

The report was accepted, and the request was granted.

The Committee on Temperance was re-appointed, as follows: *Ministers*—John Hall, George Alexander, T. Ralston Smith, Howard Duffield, John Fox. *Elders*—William R. Worrall, Edward Wells, George H. Hyde, Darwin R. James.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, recommending that no action be taken on the petition of Samuel H. Willard and

others, in the Harlem Church case, for the reason that it is not customary or expedient to answer questions proposed *in thesi*, and for the further reason that the subject matter of the petition has been disposed of, substantially, in the adjudication of the complaint of Charles E. Cochrane.

It further recommended that no action be taken on the petition of Rev. William Steele.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator was authorized to appoint a Committee to defend the action of the Synod against any appeals or complaints which may be taken or made to the next General Assembly.

The Committee was appointed as follows: *Ministers*—Levi Parsons, James S. Ramsay; *Elder*—Ralph E. Prime.

The Stated Clerk was requested to communicate with the Presbyteries which have not presented their records for examination.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries, and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members had been permitted to withdraw before the close of the sessions:

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—Joseph H. France, Charles A. Richmond; Elder—Philip Templeton.

Binghamton: Minister—Irving P. Emmerick.

Boston: Ministers—Martin D. Kneeland, John E. Wildey; Elders—Robert Stanfield, William Binley.

Brooklyn: Ministers—David Junor, Daniel H. Overton, Roland S. Dawson; Elder—George C. De Merritt.

Cayuga: Elder—William H. Van Sickle.

Champlain: Minister—Richard G. McCarthy.

Chemung: Ministers—Joseph E. Tinker, Isaac Jennings, Henry T. Scholl; Elders—Irving M. Hopkins, Herbert M. Dagget.

Columbia: Elder—Jeremiah Day.

Genesee: Minister—William T. Edds; Elder—J. Corwin Jacks.

Geneva: Elder—William Ritchie.

Hudson: Elders—Theodore D. Schoonmaker, Ezra T. Calkins, Samuel C. Van Vliet.

Long Island: Minister—Clarence H. Wilson ; Elder—Orrin F. Payne.

Lyons: Elder—William H. Kent.

Nassau: Elder—William M. Peck.

New York: Ministers—Robert F. Sample, James S. Ramsay ; Elders—John Stewart, Charles F. Buxton, John J. McCook, James Tompkins.

Niagara: Minister—Edward H. Rudd ; Elder—Albert H. Dutton.

North River: Minister—Wallace W. Thorpe.

Otsego: Ministers—Albro L. Greene, Newton M. Hall ; Elder—Eleazer R. Fuller.

Rochester: Ministers—Corliss B. Gardner, Charles A. Evans.

St. Lawrence: Elders—William Mayne, Anson A. Potter, George B. Massey.

Steuben: Minister—Thomas Kerr ; Elder—Hyatt C. Hatch.

Syracuse: Ministers—George B. Spalding, Perez D. Cowan, Matthew Gaffney, Silas E. Persons, Smith Ordway ; Elder—Charles H. Perkins.

Troy: Ministers—Hector Hall, Theophilus P. Sawin, Obadiah C. Auringer ; Elder—William H. Wilcox.

Utica: Ministers—Thomas B. Hudson, Robert L. Bachman, John D. Warren, Louis G. Colson ; Elders—George Young, Claude Wilson, William P. Williams.

Westchester: Minister—George R. Cutting ; Elder—Benjamin Weed.

The report was accepted.

The following Minute was adopted by unanimous vote :

The hearty thanks of the Synod are due, and are herewith tendered to the Pastor, other Officers, and the Congregation of the First Church of Binghamton, for placing their Church at the disposal of the Synod for its present sessions ; to all, in the several Congregations who have joined in extending a cordial welcome to the delegates, and providing entertainment in the delightful Christian homes of the city ; to the Organist and Choir of the First Church for their most acceptable aid in the public services ; to the janitor of the Church for his attentive care ; and to the Railway Companies of the Trunk Line Association, which have granted a reduction in railway fares.

The Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, D. D., responded in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, and was followed by the Moderator in a suitable address.

The several Standing Committees were called, and, having reported that they had no further business to present, were dis charged.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be absent without leave:

Presbytery of Albany: Minister—Charles H. Baldwin; Elders—Henry Herrick, Henry Morphy.

Binghamton: Elder—J. Harrison Hammond.

Brooklyn: Elder—Nelson Eames.

Buffalo: Elder—Henry H. Bingham.

Cayuga: Elder—Francis Hollister.

Genesee: Minister—Leonard W. A. Luckey; Elder—David C. Holmes.

Geneva: Elder—Edmund C. Clark.

Hudson: Minister—John A. Davis.

Lyons: Minister—A. Parke Burgess; Elders—Charles Bennett, James C. Osborne.

Nassau: Ministers—Charles Rutherford, Charles G. Ellis.

New York: Ministers—Charles S. Robinson, Frederick E. Voegelin.

Niagara: Minister—Alfred T. Vail.

North River: Elders—Joseph N. Badeau, Charles E. Bingham.

Steuben: Elder—Horace S. Beebe.

Troy: Elder—Edward N. Dauchy.

Westchester: Elder—Orson W. Sloat.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church, Brooklyn, on the third Tuesday, the twentieth day of October, A. D. 1896, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with praise, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. The Presbytery of Albany consists of sixty-five ministers and fifty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and seven candidates.

Ministers received :

December 11, 1894, Rev. Lewis Webber from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, Rev. Willard P. Harmon, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, Rev. William Force Whitaker, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, Rev. Joseph McIntyre, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North, Rev. James B. Campbell, from the Presbytery of Stockton, Rev. B. Fay Mills, from the Presbytery of Newton, and Rev. George S. Allen, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;

April 17, 1895, Rev. Cornelius C. Cook, from the Presbytery of Columbia ;

September 17, Rev. Louis A. Peirson, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Candidates received :

April 17, 1895, Edmund G. Rawson and Fred E. Gates ;

June 11, Theodore F. Bayless ;

September 17, Charles H. Mattison, from the Presbytery of North River.

Candidates licensed :

February 5, 1895, Arthur Dougal ;

April 17, Edmund G. Rawson and James Wilson Brainard.

Licentiates received :

Feb. 5, 1895, Henry S. Juistema, from the Presbytery of Grand Rapids ;

April 17, Herbert Mortimer Gesner, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 11, 1894, between Rev. Samuel R. Biggar and the Church at Ballston Center ;

June 11, 1895, between Rev. Daniel J. Many, Jr., and the Church at North Bethlehem ;

September 17, between Rev. Alvin Cooper and the Church at Jefferson, and between Rev. Henry S. Juistema and the Church at Northville.

Ordained :

February 5, 1895, Henry S. Juistema ;

June 3, Herbert Mortimer Gesner and Edmund G. Rawson.

Installed :

December 17, 1894, Rev. William Force Whitaker, over the First Church, Albany ;
December 20, Rev. Willard P. Harmon, over the Church at Rockwell Falls ;
February 5, 1895, Rev. Henry S. Juistema, over the Church at Northville ;
June 4, Rev. Cornelius C. Cook, over the Church at Garfield ;
May 22, Rev. George S. Allen, over the Church at Carlisle.

Ministers dismissed :

December 11, 1894, Rev. Robert A. Hill, to the Presbytery of Troy ; Rev. A. Cushing Dill, to the Presbytery of Champlain ; Rev. Arthur Dracas, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
April 16, 1895, Rev. James B. Campbell, to the Presbytery of Lehigh ;
June 3, Rev. Joseph McIntyre, to the Classis of Schenectady ;
September 17, Rev. Samuel R. Biggar, to the Presbytery of Champlain, and Rev. Webster W. Belden, D. D., to the Presbytery of North River.

Licentiate transferred :

September 17, 1895, Arthur Dougal, to the Presbytery of New Castle.

Name dropped from the Roll :

September 17, 1895, upon his declaring himself independent, Rev. John W. McCallum.

Deceased :

December 12, 1894, at Garfield, N. Y., Rev. Samuel Dodd, aged 63 years ;
January 5, 1895, in New York, Rev. Walter R. Long, aged 84 years.

II. The Presbytery of Binghamton consists of thirty-seven ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received :

November 19, 1894, Rev. Frederick Perkins, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;
April 15, 1895, Rev. William A. George, from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 16, 1895, Harry L. Crain.

Candidate licensed :

September 17, 1895, Wilson A. Eisenhart.

Licentiates received :

April 16, 1895, Robert C. Bryant, from the Presbytery of Newton ;
September 17, Frank W. Kirwan, from the Presbytery of New York.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 19, 1894, between Rev. John Service and Cannonsville Church ;
December 28, between Rev. John M. Wolcott and Smithville Flats Church ;
September 17, 1895, between Rev. Raymond H. Stearns and Bainbridge Church.

Ordinations:

June 4, 1895, Robert C. Bryant;
October 3, Frank W. Kirwan.

Installations:

December 11, 1894, Rev. Frederick Perkins, over the Broad Avenue Church, Binghamton;
May 2, 1895, Rev. William Parsons, over the Church at Union;
June 4, Rev. Robert C. Bryant, over the Floral Avenue Church, Binghamton;
October 3, Rev. Frank W. Kirwan, over the Church at Cannonsville.

Ministers dismissed:

November 19, 1894, Rev. John Service, to the Presbytery of Hudson;
April 15, 1895, Rev. David I. Sutherland, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
September 17, Rev. Reuben N. Ives, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Church enrolled:

September 10, 1895, Lordville, N. Y.

III. The Presbytery of Boston consists of sixty-three ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care three licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

December 3, 1894, Rev. Robert W. Peach, from the Reformed Episcopal Church, and Rev. Minot Shaw Hartwell, from the Presbytery of Winnebago;
December 31, Rev. Henry Hansman, from the Presbytery of Hudson;
April 17, 1895, Rev. William Hart Dexter, from the Presbytery of Westchester;
June 4, Rev. Oliver C. Morse, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
October 2, Rev. Lewis V. Price, from the Norfolk Association of Congregational Ministers.

Candidate received and licensed:

April 17, 1895, Henry Field Ellinwood.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

October 2, 1895, between Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D.D., and the Church at Roxbury.

Installations:

December 5, 1894, Rev. Minot S. Hartwell, over the Church at South Boston;
December 21, Rev. Robert W. Peach, over the Church in Quincy;
January 13, 1895, Rev. Henry Hansman, over the German Church at Manchester;
May 2, Rev. Peter M. Macdonald, D.D., Ph.D., over St. Andrew's Church, Boston;
May 7, Rev. Henry McGilvray, over the Church in Portland;

May 15, Rev. Thomas M. Davies, over the Westminster Church of Manchester ;
June 4, Rev. William H. Dexter, over the Church in Springfield.

Minister dismissed :

April 17, 1895, Rev. George F. Moore, D.D., to the Andover Association of Congregational Ministers.

Church enrolled :

April 16, 1895, First Church of Springfield, Mass.

Suspended :

September 11, 1895, Rev. William Steele.

IV. The Presbytery of Brooklyn consists of fifty-seven ministers and thirty-five churches, and has under its care six licentiates and seventeen candidates.

Ministers received :

December 3, 1894, Rev. Emmanuel Tealdo, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.
February 4, 1895, Rev. Thomas J. Evans, from the Presbytery of Westchester and Rev. Daniel H. Overton, from the Presbytery of New York ;
April 15, Rev. James S. Brockinton, from the Presbytery of Long Island ;
July 1, Rev. William H. Hudnut, from the Presbytery of Hudson ; Rev. Gaylord S. White, from the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. Frederick W. McCluskey, from the Presbytery of Utica ;
October 7, Rev. James H. Grace, from the Presbytery of Denver.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

February 4, 1895, Ernest F. Neilson ;
April 15, Archibald McCullagh, Jr., and Andrew Bruchlacher ;
October 7, Louis Sauerbrunn and Charles Stelzle.

Candidates licensed :

April 15, 1895, Edward J. Abbott, John Jay Bridges, Thomas Coyle and Archibald McCullagh, Jr.;
October 8, Ernest F. Neilson.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 3, 1894, between Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D.D., and the Tabernacle Church ;
January 3, 1895, between Rev. Frederick W. Cutler, and the First Woodhaven Church ;
July 10, between Rev. Louis Eulner and the First East Williamsburgh Church, by death ;
August 20, between Rev. Alexander Wouters and Trinity Church ;
October 7, between Rev. William R. Lawton and the Siloam Church.

Ordinations :

December 3, 1894, Frank W. Hill ;
December 27, Charles C. Jaeger.

Installations :

December 27, 1894, Rev. Charles C. Jaeger, over the Ebenezer Church ;
February 14, 1895, Rev. Daniel H. Overton, over the Greene Ave. Church ;
October 2, Rev. William H. Hudnut, over Grace Church ;
October 17, Rev. James H. Grace, over the First Woodhaven Church.

Ministers dismissed :

February 4, 1895, Rev. George McArthur, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia ;
April 15, Rev. Frank W. Hill, to the Presbytery of Buffalo ;
October 7, Rev. George W. Gilmore, to the Penobscot Congregational Association, and Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D.D., to the Presbytery of Washington City.

Name dropped :

February 4, 1895, Rev. William H. Ford.

Deaths :

January 6, 1895, in Brooklyn, Rev. Samuel P. Halsey, aged 60 years ;
May 26, at Elizabeth, N. J., Rev. Elias N. Crane, aged 68 years ;
July 10, at East Williamsburgh, L. I., Rev. Louis Eulner, aged 79 years.

Church enrolled :

December 27, 1894, the Ebenezer Church.

V. The Presbytery of Buffalo consists of fifty-five ministers and forty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received :

November 22, 1894, Rev. William J. McKittrick, from the Presbytery of Genesee ;
January 17, 1895, Rev. Henry W. Tolson, from the Presbytery of Cleveland ;
April 8, Rev. Edwards P. Cleaveland, from the Presbytery of Cleveland, and Rev. Wesley W. Cole, from the Presbytery of Utica ;
September 17, Rev. Frank W. Hill, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

September 17, 1895, Charles W. Harris.

Licentiates received :

November 22, 1894, Jay T. Badgley, from Cayuga Presbytery ;
July 1, 1895, James D. Dingwell, from Utica Presbytery.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

April 9, 1895, between Rev. Thos. H. Peatchell and the Church in Ripley ;
September 17, between Rev. Wm. D. Jones and the Church in Tonawanda.

Ordinations :

November 22, 1894, Jay T. Badgley ;
July 12, 1895, James D. Dingwell.

Installations :

January 17, 1895, Rev. William J. McKittrick over Calvary Church, Buffalo ;
January 24, Rev. Henry W. Tolson over the Church in East Aurora ;
April 19, Rev. S. Horace Beshgetoor over the Church in Allegany ;
June 11, Rev. Edwards P. Cleaveland over the Church in Fredonia ;
July 12, Rev. James D. Dingwell over Walden Ave. Church.

Ministers dismissed :

April 9, 1895, Rev. N. Foster Browne to the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. Edgar D. Rawson to the Presbytery of Wellsborough.

Name dropped from the roll :

November 22, 1894, Rev. David R. Eddy.

Candidate dropped from the roll :

April 9, 1895, Frank C. Goulding.

Deceased :

January 5, 1895, at Baltimore, Md., Rev. Frederick W. Brauns, in the 65th year of his age ;
June 24, at Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. Philos G. Cook, in the 88th year of his age.

Church dissolved :

April 9, 1895, the Church of the Redeemer.

November 22, 1894, the Presbytery was incorporated.

VI. The Presbytery of Cayuga consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care fourteen licentiates and thirteen candidates.

Minister received :

April 23, 1895, Rev. William Parker, from the Presbytery of Grand Rapids.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

November 20, 1894, Fisher H. Booth, Dikvan H. Rejebian and George E. Jackson, from the Presbytery of Dayton ;
April 9, 1895, Charles T. Henry and J. Lyon Caughey, from the Presbytery of Platte ;
April 10, William W. Ketcham ;
April 23, Thomas A. Fenton, Kumetaro Sasao and Albert E. Fitch.

Candidates licensed :

April 9, 1895, Andrew McC. Brown, Horatio S. Beach, Fisher H. Booth, Charles T. Henry, Robert Ivey, Allan M. McIntosh, Duncan M. McIntosh, Neil K. McLennan, Kerby S. Miller ;

April 23, Herbert W. Knox ;
April 24, George E. Jackson ;
September 25, Kumetaro Sasao.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 20, 1894, between Rev. Francis R. Wade and the Church at Fair Haven ;
February 25, 1895, between Rev. Henry R. Fancher and the Springport Church (Union Springs) ;
April 9, between Rev. Edward P. Sprague, D. D., and the Second Church of Auburn.

Ordination :

April 24, 1895, Andrew McC. Brown.

Installation :

April 23, 1895, Rev. Edward H. Adriance over the Calvary Church of Auburn.

Ministers dismissed :

November 20, 1894, Rev. Horace T. Chadsey to the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. Francis R. Wade to the Presbytery of Rochester ;
February 25, 1895, Rev. Henry R. Fancher to the Presbytery of Genesee ;
September 24, Rev. Andrew C. V. Skinner to the Presbytery of Kalamazoo, Rev. Andrew McC. Brown to the Presbytery of Steuben, Rev. John P. MacPhie to the Presbytery of Pictou, Nova Scotia, and Rev. Edward P. Sprague, D. D., to the Presbytery of Troy.

Licentiates transferred :

November 20, 1894, Jay T. Badgley to the Presbytery of Buffalo ;
April 9, 1895, Thomas Kerr to the Presbytery of Steuben ;
September 24, Neil K. McLennan to the U. P. Presbytery of Boston.

Candidates transferred :

November 20, 1894, Elmer S. Genung to the Presbytery of Chippewa ;
April 23, 1895, Thomas C. Sterling to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Deceased :

April 25, 1895, at Auburn, N. Y., Rev. William Hart, aged 63 years.

April 9, 1895, Rev. Clarence H. Beebe was elected Stated Clerk, to take effect June 1st.

VII. The Presbytery of Champlain consists of twenty-two ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care two licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 9, 1895, Rev. Arthur Cushing Dill, from the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. William Armitage Beardsley, from the Classis of Westchester ;
September 18, Rev. Samuel R. Bigger, from the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. Thomas Charbonel, from the New England M. E. Conference.

Minister dismissed :

November 7, 1894, Rev. Joshua J. Wolf to the Presbytery of Nassau.

License conferred :

April 10, 1895, on Frederick A. Pitkin.

License renewed :

September 18, 1895, Esta E. Grosh.

Church enrolled :

April 10, 1895, Axton, N. Y.

VIII. The Presbytery of Chemung consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one local evangelist.

Licensed :

April 17, 1895, Jay F. Robinson as a local evangelist.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

September 18, 1895, between Rev. William Henry Chapman and the Franklin Street Church, Elmira.

Ordination :

May 14, 1895, John W. D. Francis.

Ministers dismissed :

September 17, 1895, Rev. Charles O. Hanmer to the Presbytery of North River, and Rev. E. Woodward Brown to the Presbytery of San José.

IX. The Presbytery of Chile consists of eleven ministers and six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1895.]

X. The Presbytery of Columbia consists of nineteen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

September 17, 1895, Rev. Henry Boggis, from the Classis of Ulster ;
September 18, Rev. George Bergen, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Minister dismissed :

April 23, 1895, Rev. Cornelius C. Cook to the Presbytery of Albany.

XI. The Presbytery of Eastern Persia consists of seven ministers and four churches. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1895.]

XII. The Presbytery of Genesee consists of twenty ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate, one local evangelist, and two students.

Ministers received :

December 18, 1894, Rev. George D. Miller, from the Presbytery of Long Island ;

April 9, 1895, Rev. John E. Lynn, from the Presbytery of Lehigh, and Rev. Henry R. Fancher, from the Presbytery of Cayuga ;

September 24, Rev. Nathaniel B. Andrews, from the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. Orton H. Carmichael, from the Presbytery of Sioux City.

Licensed :

September 24, 1895, Fred. E. Andrews.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

October 22, 1894, between Rev. Joseph H. Hunsberger and the Stone Church; also between Rev. William J. McKittrick and the Church at Batavia, both to take effect December 1st.

Installations :

December 18, 1894, Rev. George D. Miller, over the Church at Warsaw ;
April 9, 1895, Rev. Henry R. Fancher, over the Church at Batavia ;
October 10, Rev. Orton H. Carmichael, over the Stone Church.

Ministers dismissed :

October 22, 1894, Rev. William J. McKittrick, to the Presbytery of Buffalo ;

September 24, 1895, Rev. John R. Lewis, to the Presbytery of Utica ; Rev. Theron L. Waldo, to the Presbytery of Niagara ; Rev. Joseph H. Hunsberger, to the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. Ward C. Peabody, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

XIII. The Presbytery of Geneva consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Minister received :

September 23, 1895, Rev. John Quincy Adams, from the Presbytery of San Francisco.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

September 24, 1895, Thomas Clyde Cheney.

Ordination :

April 16, 1895, Louis M. Sweet, as an evangelist.

Installation :

November 23, 1894, Rev. Henry W. Maier, over the Church of Oaks Corners.

Ministers dismissed :

March 9, 1895, Rev. John T. Crumrine, to the Presbytery of Washington ;
April 15, Rev. J. Jermain Porter, D.D., to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licentiates transferred :

September 25, 1894, Henry McGilvray, to the care of the Presbytery of Boston ;
April 15, 1895, Herbert M. Gesner, to the care of the Presbytery of Albany.

Probationer received :

November 23, 1894, Rev. J. Jones Lawrence, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Deceased :

December 13, 1894, at Shortsville, N. Y., Rev. James M. Harlow, in the 87th year of his age ;
April 19, 1895, at Canandaigua, N. Y., Rev. Alfred M. Stowe, in the 77th year of his age.

XIV. The Presbytery of Hudson consists of forty-five ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

December 13, 1894, Rev. Robert H. McCready, Ph.D., from the Classis of Orange, and Rev. John Kamm, from the Presbytery of Jersey City ;
April 15, 1895, Rev. Henry A. Harlow, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ;
April 16, Rev. John Service, from the Presbytery of Binghamton, and Rev. Milton C. Hambly, from the Presbytery of Otsego ;
May 7th, Rev. James R. Mann, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 16, 1895, William B. Tuthill and Charles N. Mattison ;
September 17, John C. Coleman, Jr.;
September 24, Frederick T. Steele, by transfer from the Presbytery of Bloomington.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 5, 1894, between the Rev. Henry Hansman and the Jeffersonville German Church ;
May 7, 1895, between Rev. Sylvanus R. Queen and the Otisville Church ;
May 27, between Rev. William H. Hudnut and the Port Jervis Church ;
September 24, between Rev. Charles Vuillenmier and the Clarkstown German Church.

Installations :

December 13, 1894, Rev. Robert H. McCready, Ph.D., over the Chester Church ;
January 15, 1895, Rev. John Kamm, over the Jeffersonville German Church ;
May 7, Rev. James R Mann, over the Scotchtown Church.

Ministers dismissed :

November 5, 1894, Rev. Henry Hansman, to the Presbytery of Boston ;
May 7, 1895, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
May 27, Rev. William H. Hudnut, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;
September 17, Rev. George Donaldson, to the Presbytery of North River ;
September 24, Rev. Charles Vuillenmier, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Candidates transferred :

April 16, 1894, Smith G. Dunning, to the Presbytery of Winona ;
May 7, 1895, Charles N. Mattison, to the Presbytery of Albany.

XV. The Presbytery of Long Island consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received .

December 4, 1894, Rev. Thomas R. G. Peck, from the Presbytery of Utica ;
April 9, 1895, Rev. James B. Freeman, from the Presbytery of St. Paul ;
April 10, Rev. Minot S. Morgan, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick ;
September 3, Rev. Charles E. Craven, from the Presbytery of Chester.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 10, 1895, Theodore M. Shipherd.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

November 12, 1894, between Rev. Geo. D. Miller and the Southold Church ;
December 4, between Rev. James S. Brockinton and the Speonk Church.

Installations :

December 19, 1894, Rev. Thomas R. G. Peck over the Port Jefferson Church ;
April 9, 1895, Rev. Richard S. Campbell, D.D., over the Southampton Church ;
April 12, Rev. Minot S. Morgan over the Speonk Church ;
May 23, Rev. James B. Freeman over the Southold Church.

Ministers dismissed :

November 12, 1894, Rev. George D. Miller to the Presbytery of Genesee ;
April 9, 1895, Rev. James S. Brockinton to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

XVI. The Presbytery of Lyons consists of twenty-one ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

Minister received :

April 16, 1895, Rev. George W. Newman, from the Champlain Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church.

Ordination ·

October 8, 1895, Elwood J. Bulgin.

Ministers dismissed :

April 16, 1895, Rev. Jacob Dyk to the Presbytery of Dubuque on return of his letter of dismissal to the Reformed Classis of Rochester ;
September 17, Rev. Louis A. Peirson to the Presbytery of Albany.

XVII. The Presbytery of Nassau consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received :

December 11, 1894, Rev. Remi J. Buttinghausen, from the Presbytery of New Jersey, and Rev. Joshua J. Wolf, from the Presbytery of Champlain.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 8, 1895, Orville T. Fletcher ;
October 8, William Kliefkin.

Candidate licensed :

April 9, 1895, Orville T. Fletcher.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

June 18, 1895, between Rev. Joseph Speers and the Church of Comac, and October 8, between Rev. Joseph Speers and the Brentwood Church.

Installations :

December 18, 1894, Rev. Remi J. Buttinghausen over St. Paul's Church ;
December 26, Rev. Joshua J. Wolf, over the Oceanside Church.

Minister dismissed :

October 7, 1895, Rev. Henry A. Lewis to the Presbytery of Los Angeles.

Deceased :

October 4, 1895, at Springland, L. I., Rev. Peter D. Oakey, aged 80 years.
April 9, 1895, Licentiate George B. Shirley returned his license on account of failing health.

XVIII. The Presbytery of New York consists of one hundred and sixty-eight ministers and fifty-seven churches, and has under its care eleven licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received :

December 10, 1894, Rev. George Whitefield Mead, from the Presbytery of Huron, and Thomas W. Smith, from the Presbytery of Springfield ;
February 11, 1895, Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia ;
March 11, Rev. William C. Roberts, from the Presbytery of Chicago ;
June 10, Rev. D. A. Blackburn from the Presbytery of Charleston, Rev. John F. Scott from the Presbytery of Lehigh, Rev. William Hughes from the Presbytery of Dallas, and Rev. George F. McAfee from the Presbytery of St. Paul ;
September 30, Rev. John C. Palmer, from the Presbytery of Black Hills.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

November 12, 1894, George Douglas Young;
April 8, 1895, John A. McIntosh, Frank W. Kirwan and George Storner ;
June 10, Vincent Nall, Vaclav Zeigler and Charles F. N. Voegelin ;
September 30, John Campbell Neill and John Foogo Valiant.

Licensures :

January 12, 1895, G. Washington Raynor, as a local evangelist ;
April 29, Alois Barta, Jaroslav Dobias, Morris Frank, Frank W. Kirwan, Mushegh M. Minassian, George Storner, and Edward L. Chichester.

Ordinations :

May 12, 1895, Alois Barta, Jaroslav Dobias, and William Schiller ;
June 19, Edward L. Chichester, and Joseph H. Robinson ;
June 30, Huie Kin.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

November 12, 1894, between Rev. Matthew J. Smalley and the Knox Church.

Installation :

December 20, 1894, Rev. Thomas W. Smith over the Lenox Church.

Ministers dismissed :

December 10, 1894, Rev. William Russell Bennett to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ;
January 14, 1895, Rev. Daniel H. Overton to the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;
February 18, Rev. Bryce K. Douglas to the Presbytery of Jersey City ;
March 4, Rev. Alfred C. Reve to the Presbytery of Dallas ;
June 10, Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden to the Presbytery of Westchester, and Rev. Gaylord S. White to the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;
September 30, Rev. Alois Barta to the Presbytery of Omaha ; Rev. Jaroslav Dobias to the Presbytery of Red River ; Rev. William Schiller to the Prestery of Highland, and Rev. Chauncey W. Goodrich to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Candidates and licentiates transferred :

December 10, 1894, James M. Farr to the Presbytery of Philadelphia ;
April 8, 1895, Bailie Brown to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ;
June 10, Frank W. Kirwan to the Presbytery of Binghamton ;
June 13, John A. MacIntosh to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Church organized :

April 26, 1895, St. James' Church.

Deceased :

October 26, 1894, in New York City, Rev. Samuel Davies Alexander, aged 75
November 17, in New York City, Rev. William Greenough Thayer Shedd aged 74 ;
July 22, 1895, in Plainfield, N. J., Rev. William J. Macdowell, aged 70 ;
August 17, in Newark, N. J., Rev. James C. Nightingale, aged 59.

XIX. The Presbytery of Niagara consists of twenty ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 15, 1895, Rev. Horace T. Chadsey from the Presbytery of Cayuga, Rev. N. Foster Browne from the Presbytery of Buffalo, and Rev. Erastus W. Twichell from the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
April 16, Rev. Alfred T. Vail, from the Presbytery of Steuben ;
September 16, Rev. Theron L. Waldo, from the Presbytery of Genesee.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

April 16, 1895, between Rev. Nathaniel B. Andrews and the Church of Barre Centre ;
June 20, between Rev. S. Seymour Phelps and the Church of Somerset ;
July 11, between Rev. Anthony H. Evans and the First Church of Lockport.

Installations :

May 14, 1895, Rev, Horace T. Chadsey over the Mapleton Church ;
May 16, Rev. Alfred T. Vail over the Medina Church ;
June 4, Rev. Erastus W. Twichell over the Middleport Church.

Ministers dismissed :

April 15, 1895, Rev. Frederick C. Suits to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
April 16, Rev. Nathaniel B. Andrews to the Presbytery of Genesee ;
June 20, Rev. S. Seymour Phelps to the Presbytery of Cayuga ;
July 11, Rev. Anthony H. Evans to the Presbytery of New York ;
September 16, Rev. Hervey C. Hazen to the Western New York Association of Congregational Churches.

Deceased :

May 10, 1895, at Lockport, N. Y., Rev. Jeremiah Odell, in the 70th year of his age.

XX. The Presbytery of North Laos consists of nine ministers and nine churches, and has under its care four licentiates and eight candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1895.]

XXI. The Presbytery of North River consists of forty-five ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care three candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received :

October 28, 1894, Rev. Herbert P. Woodin, from the Berkshire South Ministerial Association ;
October 7, 1895, Rev. Webster W. Belden, D. D., from the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. George Donaldson, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Candidate taken under care and licensed :

April 16, 1895, Edward Van Dyke Wight.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

April 16, 1895, between Rev. Emory A. Nelson and the Church of Freedom Plains.

Ordinations :

June 1, 1895, Calvin Wight and Edward Van Dyke Wight.

Minister dismissed :

October 8, 1895, Rev. Edward Van Dyke Wight to the Presbytery of Niobrara.

Deceased :

November 26, 1894, at Ancram, N. Y., Rev. Sherman Hoyt, aged 87 years.

XXII. The Presbytery of Otsego consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-eight churches, and has under its care two licentiates and three candidates.

Ministers received :

April 24, 1895, Rev. John Van C. Nellis, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Binghamton, Rev. Robert I. McBride from the Presbytery of Chemung, Rev. Newton M. Hall from the Dairyfield Association of Congregational Churches, N. H.;
September 24, Rev. Calvin J. Hastings, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

September 24, 1895, Ernest L. Tiffany, M. D.

Candidates licensed :

April 24, 1895, George B. Swinnerton ;
June 5, Frank B. Seeley and Thomas C. Sterling, Ph. D.;
September 24, Ernest L. Tiffany, M. D.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 31, 1894, between Rev. Milton C. Hambly and the Church of Hamden ;
September 11, 1895, between Rev. Samuel R. Warrender and the Church of Otego.

Ordinations :

June 5, 1895, George B. Swinnerton ;
September 24, Thomas C. Sterling, Ph. D.

Installations :

May 16, 1895, Rev. Newton M. Hall over the Church of Oneonta ;
June 5, Rev. George B. Swinnerton over the Church of New Berlin ;
September 11, Rev. Robert I. McBride over the Church of Cooperstown ;
September 24, Rev. Thomas C. Sterling, Ph. D., over the Church of Hamden

Minister dismissed :

December 31, 1894, Rev. Milton C. Hambly to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Name dropped from the Roll :

September 11, 1895, Rev. John C. Stinson.

Deceased :

December 22, 1894, at Walton, N. Y., Rev. George Brown, in the 71st year of his age ;

May 22, 1895, at Walton, N. Y., Rev. Julius S. Pattengill, aged 85 years ;

June 12, at Cazenovia, Rev. John L. Jones.

September 11, 1895, Rev. Eugene V. Ostrander was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer in place of Rev. C. Edward Fay, resigned.

XXIII. The Presbytery of Rochester consists of sixty-seven ministers and forty-seven churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received :

November 27, 1894, Rev. Francis R. Wade, from the Presbytery of Cayuga ;

April 8, 1895, Rev. Bentley S. Foster, from the Presbytery of Monmouth ;

April 13, Rev. Thomas Melvin, from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

September 17, 1895, Eliah Mar Eliah, a Persian.

Licentiates received :

January 14, 1895, Frederick N. Lindsay, from the Presbytery of Troy ;

June 20, William A. Hallock, from the Presbytery of Steubenville.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

January 31, 1895, between Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., and St. Peter's Church, Rochester ;

October 1, between Rev. Corliss B. Gardner, D. D., and Westminster Church of Rochester.

Ordinations :

June 20, 1895, Frank E. Hoyt, Frederick N. Lindsay and William A. Hallock.

Installations :

October 23, 1894, Rev. Richard D. Harlan over the Third Church of Rochester ;

November 27, Rev. Francis R. Wade over the Church of Webster ;

June 3, 1895, Rev. Frank G. Weeks over the Church of Gates ;

June 20, Rev. William A. Hallock over the Church of Groveland.

Ministers dismissed :

March 29, 1895, Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., to the Presbytery of Steuben ;

April 10, Rev. John Kincaid to Black River Congregational Association.

Deceased :

May 4, 1895, at Rochester, Rev. James Ballantine, in the 86th year of his age.

XXIV. The Presbytery of St. Lawrence consists of thirty-three ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates and three candidates.

Ministers received :

December 6, 1894, Rev. Frank W. Townsend, from the Presbytery of Utica ;
April 16, 1895, Rev. J. Jermain Porter, D. D., from the Presbytery of Geneva;
October 1, Rev. Ward C. Peabody, from the Presbytery of Genesee.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

May 27, 1895, R. J. Hutcheon ;
June 13, Bailie Brown, Ph. D.;
September 30, William Edward Fisher.

Candidates licensed :

June 13, 1895, Bailie Brown ;
October 1, R. J. Hutcheon.

Licentiate received :

November 2, 1894, George Hawes Feltus.

Pastoral relation dissolved ;

September 30, between Rev. De Witt L. Penton and First Church of Adams.

Ordinations :

November 2, 1894, George Hawes Feltus ;
October 1, 1895, R. J. Hutcheon.

Installation :

December 6, 1894, Rev. Frank W. Townsend over the Church of Canton.

Ministers dismissed :

February 18, 1895, Rev. Herbert A. Mosser to the Presbytery of Southern Oregon ;
February 28, Rev. Calvin J. Hastings to the Presbytery of Otsego ;
April 15, Rev. Oliver C. Morse to the Presbytery of Boston ;
June 10, Rev. Thomas J. Thompson to the Presbytery of Kingston, Canada.

Candidate transferred :

April 16, 1895, C. H. Brown to the care of the Presbytery of Rock River.

XXV. The Presbytery of Siam consists of nine ministers and seven churches, and has under its care two licentiates and one local evangelist. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1895.]

XXVI. The Presbytery of Steuben consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and six candidates.

Ministers received :

April 17, 1895, Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D.D., from the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. Hezekiah Webster, from the Presbytery of Erie ;
September 18, Rev. Charles L. Luther, from the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
September 27, Rev. Andrew McC. Brown, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Licentiate received :

April 17, 1895, Thomas Kerr, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination :

June 6, 1895, Thomas Kerr.

Installations :

May 14, 1895, Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D.D., over the Church of Corning ;
May 15, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee, over the Church of Almond ;
June 6, Rev. Thomas Kerr, over the Church of Atlanta.

Ministers dismissed :

April 16, 1895, Rev. James S. Wilkes, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and Rev. Alfred T. Vail, to the Presbytery of Niagara.

Candidate transferred :

September 17, 1895, Ernest L. Tiffany, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Deceased :

August 31, 1895, at Canaseraga, N. Y., Rev. Daniel W. Marvin, aged 84.

Church enrolled :

April 16, 1895, Atlanta ; organized July 22, 1894.

XXVII. The Presbytery of Syracuse consists of forty ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care one licentiate and ten candidates.

Ministers received :

April 8, 1895, Rev. Wm. C. Matthews, from the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev. Arthur Dracas, from the Presbytery of Albany ;
May 3, Rev. Frederick C. Suits, from the Presbytery of Niagara ;
September 16, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

January 21, 1895, Burton H. Woodford ;
May 6, Hugh W. Jones.

Candidates licensed :

January 21, 1895, Burton H. Woodford ;
May 6, Hugh W. Jones.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 5, 1894, between Rev. Duncan A. McPhie, and the Church of Hannibal ;
March 4, 1895, between Rev. Philip N. Moore, and the Church of Amboy ;
June 17, between Rev. Frank W. West, and the Churches of Whitelaw and Oneida Valley ;
September 17, between Rev. Edward W. Miller, and the Elmwood Church of Syracuse, and between Rev. Charles D. Barrows and Grace Church, Oswego.

Ordinations:

April 9, 1895, Seymour C. Ferris, as an Evangelist;
May 21, Fred. H. Watkins.

Installations:

November 20, 1894, Rev. Frank W. West, over the Churches of Oneida Valley and Wampsville;
May 21, 1895, Rev. Fred. H. Watkins, over the Churches of Hastings and Parish.

Ministers dismissed:

January 21, 1895, Rev. Theo. S. Day, to the Presbytery of Austin, and Rev. Jeremiah Petrie, to the Presbytery of Utica;
March 4, Rev. Philip N. Moore, to the Essex Association of Congregational Churches;
April 8, Rev. Erastus W. Twichell, to the Presbytery of Niagara;
June 17, Rev. Frank W. West, to the Presbytery of Utica;
September 16, Rev. Charles L. Luther, to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Licentiates and candidate transferred:

April 8, 1895, James M. Rennie, to the Presbytery of Kalamazoo;
May 6, Burton H. Wood, to the Presbytery of Emporia;
April 8, J. S. Surbeck, Candidate, to the Presbytery of Mankato.

Deceased:

May 20, 1895, at Port Deposit, Md., Rev. Addison K. Strong, D.D., aged 72 years.

Miscellaneous:

November 5, 1894, Rev. John Jones Lawrence, a foreign minister, on probation in this Presbytery, was dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Geneva.

XXVIII. The Presbytery of Troy consists of fifty ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate, one local evangelist, and three candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

October 22, 1894, Rev. Joseph P. White, from the Presbytery of Steuben;
April 16, 1895, Rev. Robert A. Hill, from the Presbytery of Albany, Rev. Fisk Harmon, from the Bennington Co. Association of Congregational Ministers, and Rev. Harmon H. Boone, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 16, 1895, Leroy Fred Brown;
September 24, Francis H. Pierce.

Licensed:

September 24, 1895, Francis H. Pierce.

Installations :

November 7, 1894, Rev. Joseph P. White, over the Church of Brunswick ;
April 25, 1895, Rev. Harmon H. Boone, over the Liberty St. Church of Troy.

Ministers dismissed :

October 22, 1894, Rev. Charles P. Lounsbury, to the Troy M. E. Conference ;
April 15, 1895, Rev. John Tatlock, D.D., to the Presbytery of Westchester, and Rev. Richard Abbott, to the Presbytery of Utica ;
September 24, Rev. Fisk Harmon, to the Bennington Co. Association of Congregational Ministers.

Licentiate transferred :

January 7, 1895, Frederick N. Lindsay, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Deceased :

March 3, 1895, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Rev. Alexander Proudfit, in the 85th year of his age ;
June 8, at Troy, N. Y., Rev. Eben Halley, D.D., in the 51st year of his age.

Honorably retired :

April 15, 1895, Rev. Jacob G. Miller, D.D.

Church declared extinct :

September 24, 1895, the Church of Bolton.

XXIX. The Presbytery of Utica conaists of forty-nine ministers and forty-five churches, and has under its care four licentiates and eighteen candidates.

Ministers received :

April 9, 1895, Rev. Jeremiah Petrie, from the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
June 18, Rev. Richard Abbott, from the Presbytery of Troy ;
October 1, Rev. Frank W. West, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 9, 1895, Eugene R. Smith, Hymen L. Webber and James Dingwell ;
July 1, David C. Davies.

Licensed :

April 9, 1895, Frederick W. Fuess, Starr Cadwallader, James Dingwell and Fenton C. Jones.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

October 29, 1894, between Rev. Wesley W. Cole and the Church of Camden :
May 21, 1895, between Rev. Charles W. Rice and the Church of Vernon ;
September 30, between Rev. John H. Pollock and the Church of Litchfield : and between Rev. John H. Pollock and the Church of Norwich Corners.

Installations :

May 21, 1895, Rev. Richard H. Hughes, over the Church of Dolgeville ;
June 18, Rev. Jeremiah Petrie, over the Church of Redfield ;
July 9, Rev. Richard Abbott, over the Church of Camden ;
October 8, Rev. Frank W. West, over the Church of Verona.

Ministers dismissed :

November 26, 1894, Rev. Frank W. Townsend to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ;

April 8, 1895, Rev. Wesley W. Cole to the Presbytery of Buffalo, Rev. Hugh P. McAdam, D.D., to the Presbytery of Columbus, Rev. George Bergen to the Presbytery of Columbia ;

April 9, Rev. Frederick W. McClusky, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;

September 30, Rev. John H. Pollock, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ;

October 1, Rev. Edward C. Wiley, to the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. Charles W. Rice, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Licentiates transferred :

May 16, 1895, James Dingwell, to the Presbytery of Buffalo, and Fenton C. Jones, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Deceased :

February 7, 1895, at Whitesboro, N. Y., Rev. Timothy Dwight Hunt, aged 73.

Church enrolled :

April 9, 1895, Highland, Utica.

XXX. The Presbytery of Westchester consists of fifty-nine ministers and thirty-nine churches, and has under its care nine licentiates, one local evangelist, and seven candidates.

Ministers received :

January 15, 1895, Rev. Willis W. Dowd, from the Presbytery of Pueblo, and Rev. George William Knox, from the Second Presbytery of Tokio, Japan ;

April 16, Rev. Frank A. Wales, from the Fairfield East Consociation of Connecticut ;

June 18, Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden, from the Presbytery of New York ;

October 8, Rev. John Tatlock, D.D., from the Presbytery of Troy.

Candidates received :

April 16, 1895, Albert B. Scofield, William H. Johnson and Hugh T. Gary ;

October 8, John B. Appel.

Licensed :

April 16, 1895, Richard F. Chambers, Norman C. Whittemore and Hugh T. Gary ;

October 8, Alfred Edward Lewis as a Local Evangelist.

Licentiate received :

June 25, 1895, Will A. Babbit from the Manhattan Congregational Association.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 3, 1894, between Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller and the Gilead Church of Carmel, N. Y.;

April 16, 1895, between Rev. John H. Eastman and the Katonah Church, and between Rev. David Laughlin, D.D., and the Mt. Kisco Church;
June 18, between Rev. Robert R. White and the Bedford Church;
June 25, between Rev. Joseph F. Folsom and the Pound Ridge Church;
October 14, between Rev. Harris Ely Adriance and the Huguenot Memorial Church of Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Ordination:

June 25, 1895, Will A. Babbit.

Installations:

November 13, 1894, Rev. William Watson Breckenridge over the Hartford Church;
June 25, 1895, Rev. Will A. Babbit over the Katonah Church.
June 27, Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden over the Mt. Kisco Church;
July 7, Rev. Frank F. Blessing over Scarborough Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 15, 1895, Rev. William Hart Dexter to the Presbytery of Boston;
April 16, Rev. John H. Eastman to the Presbytery of Lehigh;
June 18, Rev. William Watts Davidson to the North Litchfield Association of Congregational Ministers, and Rev. Robert R. White to the Presbytery of Macon, Ga., Presbyterian Church South;
June 25, Rev. Joseph F. Folsom to the Presbytery of Newark.

Licentiates transferred:

July 20, 1895, Hugh T. Gary to the Presbytery of Wellsborough;
October 8, 1895, Richard F. Chambers to the Presbytery of Iowa.

Name dropped from the roll:

June 18, 1895, Rev. John S. Penman.

Deceased:

July 8, 1895, at Hartford, Ct., Rev. Lewis H. Reid, D.D., in the 70th year of his age; and at New Haven, Rev. John Ludlow Kendall in the 50th year of his age.

Suspended:

January 15, 1895, Rev. Bruce W. Cronmiller, for contumacy.

XXXI.—The Presbytery of Western Persia consists of five ministers, with two others on a supplementary roll. It has in connection with it forty-seven native ministers, fifty-one licentiates, and thirty-five churches. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1895.]

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1153	Licentiates	75
Churches	881	Candidates	142

Note.—Of the Presbytery of Western Persia, the seven ministers only are included in the summary.

II. LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK RELATING TO RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS.

All such laws previously existing have been repealed by the new and comprehensive statute, Chapter 723, Laws of 1895, which took effect October 1, 1895, and which contains, in seven articles and 111 sections, radical and important changes. The first article, Sections 1–18, treats of matters common to all religious corporations, and ought to be studied by all. The fifth article, sections 80–93, applies to the Presbyterian Church. The following is a summary of the sections which, it is deemed important, should be known at once in all our congregations:

Article V., Sec. 80. APPLICATION OF THIS ARTICLE.—This article is not applicable to a Protestant Episcopal Church, a Roman Catholic Church, or to a Christian Orthodox Catholic Church of the Eastern Confession. No provision of this article is applicable to a Reformed church in America, a true Reformed Dutch Church in the United States of America, a Reformed Presbyterian Church or to an Evangelical Lutheran Church, except as declared to be so applicable by the next preceding article of this chapter. This article is applicable to churches of all other denominations.

Sec. 81. NOTICE OF MEETING FOR INCORPORATION.—Notice of a meeting for the purpose of incorporating an unincorporated church, to which this article is applicable, shall be given as follows: The notice shall be in writing, and shall state, in substance, that a meeting of such unincorporated church will be held at its usual place of worship at a specified day and hour for the purpose of incorporating such church and electing trustees thereof. The notice must be signed by at least six persons of full age, who are then members in good and regular standing of such church by admission into full communion or membership therewith, in accordance with the rules and regulations of such church, and of the governing ecclesiastical body of the denomination or order, if any, to which the church belongs, or who have statedly worshipped with such church and have regularly contributed to the financial support thereof during the year next prior thereto, or from the time of the formation thereof.

A copy of such notice shall be posted conspicuously on the outside of the main entrance to such place of worship, at least fifteen days before the day so specified for such meeting, and shall be publicly read at each of the two next preceding regular meetings of such unincorporated church for public worship, at least one week apart, at morning service, if such service be held, on Sunday, if Sunday be the day for such regular meetings, by the first named of the following persons who is present thereat, to wit: The minister of such church, the officiating minister thereof, the elders thereof in the order of their age beginning with the oldest, the deacons of the church in the order of their age beginning with the oldest, any person qualified to sign such notice.

Sec. 82. THE MEETING FOR INCORPORATION.—At the meeting for incorporation held in pursuance of such notice, the following persons, and no others, shall be qualified voters, to wit: All persons of full age, who are then members, in good and regular standing of such church by admission into full communion or membership therewith, in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof, and of the

governing ecclesiastical body, if any, of the denomination or order to which the church belongs, or who have statedly worshipped with such church and have regularly contributed to the financial support thereof during the year next preceding such meeting, or from the time of the formation thereof.

The presence of a majority of such qualified voters, at least six in number, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum of such meeting. The action of the meeting upon any matter or question shall be decided by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon, a quorum being present. The first named of the following persons who is present at such meeting shall preside thereat, to wit: The minister of the church, the officiating minister thereof, the elders thereof in the order of their age, beginning with the oldest, the deacons thereof in the order of their age, beginning with the oldest, any qualified voter elected to preside. The presiding officer of the meeting shall receive the votes, be the judge of the qualifications of voters, and declare the result of the votes cast on any matter. The polls of the meeting shall remain open for one hour, and longer, in the discretion of the presiding officer, or if required by a majority of the voters present.

Such meeting shall decide whether such unincorporated church shall become incorporated. If such decision shall be in favor of incorporation, such meeting shall decide upon the name of the proposed corporation, the number of the trustees thereof, which shall be three, six or nine, and shall determine the date, not more than fifteen months thereafter, on which the first annual election of the trustees thereof after such meeting shall be held. Such meeting shall elect from the persons qualified to vote at such meeting, one-third of the number of trustees so decided on who shall hold office until the first annual election of trustees thereafter, one-third of such number of trustees to hold office until the second annual election of trustees thereafter, and one-third of such number of trustees to hold office until the third annual election of trustees thereafter.

Sec. 83. THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.—The presiding officer of such meeting and at least two other persons present and voting thereat, shall execute and acknowledge a certificate of incorporation, setting forth the matters determined at such meeting, the trustees elected thereat, and the terms of office for which they were respectively elected, and the county, town, city or village in which its principal place of worship is or is intended to be located. On filing such certificate the members of such church and the persons qualified to vote at such meeting and who shall thereafter, from time to time, be qualified voters, at the corporate meetings thereof, shall be a corporation by the name stated in such certificate, and the persons therein stated to be elected trustees of such church shall be the trustees thereof, for the terms for which they were respectively so elected.

Sec. 84. TIME, PLACE AND NOTICE OF CORPORATE MEETINGS.—The annual corporate meeting of every incorporated church to which this article is applicable, shall be held at the time and place fixed by or in pursuance of law therefor, if such time and place be so fixed, and otherwise, at a time and place to be fixed by its trustees. A special corporate meeting of any such church may be called by the Board of Trustees thereof on its own motion, or on the written request of at least ten qualified voters of such church. The trustees shall cause notice of the time and

place of its annual corporate meeting, therein specifying the names of any trustees whose successors are to be elected thereat, and, if a special meeting, specifying the business to be transacted thereat, to be given at a regular meeting of the church for public worship, at morning service, if such service be held, on each of the two successive Sundays next preceding such meeting, if Sunday be the regular day for such public worship, and public worship be had thereon, or otherwise at a regular meeting of such church for public worship on each of two days, at least one week apart, next preceding such meeting; or if no such public worship be held during such period, by conspicuously posting such notice, in writing, upon the outer entrance to the principal place of worship of such church. Such notice shall be given by the minister of the church, if there be one, or if not by the officiating minister thereof, if there be one, or if not, or if any such minister refuse to give such notice, by any officer of such church. But a special corporate meeting of an incorporated Presbyterian church, to elect a pastor of such church, or to take action in reference to the dissolution of the relations of the pastor and the church, may be called only by the Session of such church. They may call such meeting whenever they deem it advisable to do so; or upon the request to them, by petition, of a majority of the qualified voters of such corporation, they must call such meeting. They shall give notice of such meeting in either case in the manner in this section provided in a notice of a special meeting.

Sec. 85. ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF CORPORATE MEETINGS; QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS THEREAT.—At a corporate meeting of an incorporated church to which this article is applicable the following persons and no others shall be qualified voters, to wit: All persons of full age who are then members in good and regular standing of such church by admission into full communion or membership therewith, in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof, and of the governing ecclesiastical body, if any, of the denomination or order to which the church belongs, or who have been stated attendants on divine worship in such church and have regularly contributed to the financial support thereof during the year next preceding such meeting. * * * *

The presence at such meeting of at least six persons qualified to vote thereat shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. The action of the meeting upon any matter or question shall be decided by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon, a quorum being present.

The first named of the following persons who is present at such meeting shall preside thereat, to wit: The minister of such church, the officiating minister thereof, the officers thereof in the order of their age, beginning with the oldest; any qualified voter elected therefor at the meeting. The presiding officer of the meeting shall receive the votes, be the judge of the qualifications of voters, and declare the result of the votes cast on any matter. The polls of an annual corporate meeting shall continue open for one hour, and longer in the discretion of the presiding officer, or if required by a majority of the qualified voters present.

At each annual corporate meeting successors to those trustees whose terms of office then expire shall be elected from the qualified voters by ballot for a term of three years thereafter.

Sec. 86. CHANGING DATE OF ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETINGS.—An annual corporate meeting of an incorporated church to which this article is applicable,

may change the date of its annual meeting thereafter. If such date shall next thereafter occur less than six months after the annual meeting at which such change is made, the next annual meeting shall be held one year from such next recurring date. For the purpose of determining the terms of office of trustees, the time between the annual meeting at which such change is made and the next annual meeting thereafter shall be reckoned as one year.

Sec. 87. CHANGING NUMBER OF TRUSTEES.—An incorporated church to which this article is applicable, may, at an annual corporate meeting, change the number of its trustees to three, six or nine, or classify them so that the terms of one-third expire each year. No such change shall affect the terms of the trustees then in office, and if the change reduces the number of trustees it shall not take effect until the number of trustees whose terms of office continue for one or more years after an annual election, is less than the number determined upon. Whenever the number of trustees so holding over is less than the number so determined on, trustees shall be elected in addition to those so holding over sufficient to make the number of trustees for the ensuing year equal to the number so determined on. The trustees so elected up to and including one third of the number so determined on, shall be elected for three years, the remainder up to and including one-third of the number so determined on for two years and the remainder for one year.

Sec. 88. MEETINGS OF TRUSTEES.—Two of the trustees of an incorporated church, to which this article is applicable, may call a meeting of such trustees by giving at least twenty-four hours notice thereof personally or by mail to the other trustees. A majority of the trustees lawfully convened shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In case of a tie vote at a meeting of the trustees, the presiding officer of such meeting shall, notwithstanding he has voted once, have an additional casting vote.

Sec. 89. THE CREATION AND FILLING OF VACANCIES AMONG TRUSTEES OF SUCH CHURCHES.—If any trustee of an incorporated church to which this article is applicable, declines to act, resigns or dies, or having been a member of such church, ceases to be such member, or not having been a member of such church, ceases to be a qualified voter at a corporate meeting thereof, his office shall be vacant, and such vacancy may be filled by the remaining trustees until the next annual corporate meeting of such church, at which meeting the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

Sec. 90. CONTROL OF TRUSTEES BY CORPORATE MEETINGS OF SUCH CHURCHES; SALARIES OF MINISTERS.—A corporate meeting of an incorporated church, whose trustees are elective as such, may give directions, not inconsistent with law, as to the manner in which any of the temporal affairs of the church shall be administered by the trustees thereof; and such directions shall be followed by the trustees. The trustees of an incorporated church to which this article is applicable, shall have no power to settle or remove or fix the salary of the minister, or, without the consent of a corporate meeting, to incur debts beyond what is necessary for the care of the property of the corporation; or to fix or change the time, nature, or order of the public or social worship of such church, except when such trustees are also the spiritual officers of such church.

III. GENESEO ACADEMY.

To the Synod of New York:

I am directed by the Local Board of the State Normal and Training School at Geneseo, N. Y,, to notify the Synod of New York, that by Chapter 372 of the Laws of New York, passed in 1890, "Geneseo Academy," formerly under the charge of the Synod of New York, was dissolved, and its endowment fund was deposited with the County Treasurer of the County of Livingston, to be invested, and the income accruing thereon paid to the treasurer of the Local Board of said Normal School, to be used by said Board in aid of worthy students who may attend said Normal School, "preference being given to the children of clergymen of the Presbyterian Church, said fund having been raised by subscription from members of said church." A considerable amount of income has accrued on said fund, and is now available for the purpose designated in said act.

Applications may be made to the Principal of said Normal School at Geneseo, N. Y., for further information.

JOHN R. STRANG,
Committee of Local Board, etc.

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VI. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

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VII. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

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Ex-officio: Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks.

VIII. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	Henry A. Nelson, D. D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	Howard Crosby, D. D	New York	Utica
1883.	James McLeod, D. D	Buffalo	New York
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D. D	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	L. Merrill Miller, D. D	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	Joseph E. Nassau, D. D	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	Charles C. Wallace, D. D	Boston	Auburn
1888.	T. Ralston Smith, D. D	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D. D	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D	Albany	Lockport
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D. D	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	Levi Parsons, D. D	Rochester	Albany
1893.	James Gardner, D. D	Albany	Rochester
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D. D	Columbia	New York
1895.	Howard Duffield, D. D	New York	Binghamton

IX. EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

III.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

IV.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included; but when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person privately to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, before their names shall be substituted upon the roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

VIII.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X., Sec. 9 These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant. These sum shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment ; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

X. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

1. Synodical Aid.

Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, John McC. Holmes, Asa S. Fiske, T. Ralston Smith, George Alexander, William H. Littell ; *Elders*—Theodore S. Hubbard, Horace B. Silliman, Joseph C. Batchelor, Albert P. Stevens.

II. Systematic Beneficence.

Ministers—Charles A. Richmond, William S. Hubbell, George C. Yeisley, Samuel V. V. Holmes; *Elders*—Francis A. Board, Edward Wells, John H. Osborne.

III. Boards of the Church, Etc.

I. Home Missions: *Ministers*—Allen Macy Dulles, Charles H. Baldwin, William F. Whitaker, A. Russell Stevenson; *Elders*—Edward N. Dauchy, Louis W. Pratt, Orrin Day.

II. Foreign Missions: *Ministers*—J. Balcom Shaw, J. Ritchie Smith, Newell Woolsey Wells, John E. Adams, George S. Webster, Henry T. McEwen; *Elders*—John F. Winslow, A. Noel Blakeman, Theodore Gilman, Henry M. Lester, James Yereance, William Dulles, Jr.

III. Education: *Ministers*—Gerard B. F. Hallock, George B. Spalding, Willis J. Beecher, J. Lovejoy Robertson; *Elders*—John E. Myer, Henry Hooker, James W. Eager.

IV. Publication and Sabbath School Work: *Ministers*—Donald McLaren, John T. Wilds, A. Woodruff Halsey, John E. Adams; *Elders*—William R. Worrall, Russell W. McKee. Charles M. Jesup.

V. Church Erection: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Warren R. Cochrane, Charles S. Dewing, James M. Craig; *Elders*—John Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson, Oliver O. Jones.

VI. Ministerial Relief: *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, Cornelius S. Stowitts, Alfonso R. Olney, William M. Johnson; *Elders*—James B. Jermain, William H. Doughty, T. Romeyn Bunn.

VII. Freedmen: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, William Burnett Wright, Anthony H. Evans, Duncan Cameron; *Elders*—Edward C. Warner, Marcus A. G. Meads, Edward W. Skinner.

VIII. Aid for Colleges: *Ministers*—E. Huntting Rudd, Asa S. Fiske, Henry H. Stebbins, William R. Taylor; *Elders*—Charles F. Pond, George H. Sickels, Joshua S. Helmer.

IX. Young People's Societies: *Ministers*—Samuel W. Pratt, T. Ralston Smith, George C. Yeisley, Wilbur F. Wood, E. Huntting Rudd; *Elders*—Philip M. Hull, Richard H. Bloom, D. Eddy Barnes, Charles M. Jesup.

XI. CHAIRMEN OF OTHER COMMITTEES.

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